



ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
2007



HAMPDEN,
MASSACHUSETTS

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IN MEMORIAM 2006-2007

William Buereau
Weights and Measures
Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

Barbara Ingraham
Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District

Patricia G. Smith
Assistant Town Clerk, Assistant Tax Collector, Assistant Treasurer,
Assistant Accountant, Conservation Commission, Garden Club

John E. Pixley
Constable

Rosalind Reardon Clark
Council on Aging

Ralph Gordon Casey
Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

Stanley Moore
Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District

Marion Joyce
Election Teller

Josephine Waneta Reardon
Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District

Mildred Betsy Grant
Hampden Housing Authority

Laura Chaffin
Arts Council

Austin King Harris
Hampden Volunteer Fire Department
Hampden Police Department

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Springfield, MA 01103
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Residence: 22 Warren Terrace,
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Phone: 413-567-5480

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Meet Mondays at 6:30 pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext.100

BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meet Mondays at 6:30 pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 102

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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TOWN CLERK – Eva Wiseman

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9am-3pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 103

TOWN TREASURER–Tracy Sicbaldi

Office Hours: Tues. 9am–1pm, 5-7 pm
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TAX COLLECTOR – Eva Wiseman

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Office Hours: Monday/Wednesday, 9am-12:30
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meet 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 110

PLANNING BOARD

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Phone: 566-2151 ext. 109

WATER COMMISSION COMMITTEE

Meet 1st Thurs 6:15pm 566-2151 ext. 102

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7 pm
Phone: 596-3884

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Meet 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July
& October at 7:30pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 111

COUNCIL ON AGING

Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 10:00am-2:00pm
Meet 2nd Tuesday of month, 8:30am
Phone: 566-5588

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Meet 3rd Thurs each month, 8:15 at
Centennial Commons
Phone: 566-8157

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office Hours: Every Tues 6-8 pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 107

HAMPDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Meet 3rd Wed at 5pm
Phone: 566-3047

HAMPDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday, 1-8 pm, Wednesday, 10 am- 5pm
Thursday, 1-8 pm, Saturday, 9am- 1pm

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Monday-Friday, 7:00am-3:30pm
Phone: 566-8842

TRANSFER STATION

Saturday, 8am-4pm, Tuesday, 1-4pm
Recycling Sat. 8 am-4 pm
Phone: 566-2035

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BOARD OF APPEALS

Meet 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm
Applications available from Town Clerk

PARK COMMISSION

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Office Hours: 12 – 4 pm
Call 566-2151 ext. 108
Memorial Park Hours: 8am-9pm, Apr1-Oct31

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110 Main Street, Suite 12,
Monson, MA 01057
Phone: 267-4140

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

Meet 1st Tues at 7:00 pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 109

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meet 1st & 3rd Tues at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-8327

HAMPDEN CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meet as posted

STORMWATER COMMISSION

Meet 3rd Wed. at 7:00pm
Phone: 566-2151 ext. 109

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS – 2007

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH

John D. Flynn, Chairman	2008
Richard R. Green, BOH Chair	2009
Vincent J. Villamaino	2010

TRUSTEES, HAMPDEN LIBRARY

Beth Burger, Trustee, Chair	2008
Kathleen Hutchison	2010
Ray Andree	2009

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Administrative Assistant to
Board of Selectmen
Pamela Courtney

Coordinator for Board of Health
Jane Budynkiewicz

Miles Hapgood, Vice Chair	2009
George Stone	2010
Kathleen Flynn	2008
Cece Melville	2008
Benjamin Bump-State Appointed	

MODERATOR

Richard Patullo	2010
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CONSTABLES

George K. Stone, Jr.	2010
Miles Hapgood, Jr.	2010
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	2010

TOWN CLERK

Eva Wiseman	2010
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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

David Quill, Chairman	2008
Judith Hatch	2009
Richard Hatch	2010

TOWN TREASURER

Tracy Sicbaldi	2010
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Eva Wiseman	2010
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PLANNING BOARD

Joseph A. Dolben, Chair	2008
Cornelius Flynn	2009
Joseph Kruzel	2010
John Matthews	2012

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Diane Hildreth, Chair	2008
Stanley Witkop, Assessor	2010
Norman Charest, Assessor	2009

Anthony Bongiorno, Assoc.	2008
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Assistant to the Assessors Dawn Barnes	2008
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Debbie House, Clerk	2008
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HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Scott Chapman	2009
Lisa Morace	2008

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Christopher McDonald, Chair	2008
Robert G. White, Jr.	2009
Mark A. Goossens	2010
Laurence Forrest	2009
Harold House	2008
Deborah House, Clerk	2008

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2007

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Clifford Bombard
Judy Mikkola, Asst. to Accountant

2008
2008

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Lance Trevallion
Alt.

2008
2008

DOG OFFICERS

Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control

2008

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Gary Courtney
Robert Lague, Alt.

2008
2008

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Peter Hatch

2008

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Dennis Chaffee, Sr.
Bernie Sears, Alt.

2008
2008

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Shelly Sears

2008

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Timm Marini, Chair
Doug Boyd
Carol Fitzgerald
Jeff Smith
Jamie Collins

2009
2008
2010
2010
2009

SUPT OF INSECT/PEST CONTROL

Dana Pixley

2008

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Lorri McCool

2008

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Arthur Booth

2008

Bobbie Addison, Clerk 2008

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER

Robert Mathison

2008

BOARD OF APPEALS

M. Chris Cesan, Chair
Richard Jones, Vice Chair
Kenneth E. Lefebvre
L. Jed Berliner
Richard E. Patullo
Judy Jackson, Clerk

2010
2010
2008
2009
2008
2008

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Dana Pixley

2008

TREE WARDEN

Dana Pixley

2008

BOARD OF APPEALS, ALTERNATES

Mark R. Barba
Cheryl Cudnik
David R. Scott

2008
2008
2008

FENCE VIEWERS

John H. Field
William H. Patric

2008
2008

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Rick Rubin, Chair
Jerry Lesniak
Marsha Miller-Spinelli
Melissa Pearlman
Patricia Ehlers
Glennice Flynn, Sec.

2008
2008
2008
2008
2008
2008

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2007

TOWN COUNSEL

David J. Martel

2008

PARKING CLERK

Eva Wiseman

2008

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

John Matthews

2008

Richard Patullo

2008

Bonnie Geromini

2008

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER

Ed Hatch

2008

George Bouchard

2010

Richard Jalbert

2009

Michael Framarin, Oper.

2008

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Phil Grant

2010

Pat Cote

2008

Bonnie Geromini

2008

Jeff Liquori

2009

Charlie Schmitt

2010

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Connie Witt, Chair

2009

Chrissy Cesan

2010

Sally Bryce

2008

Tom Foster

2009

Al Perusse

2008

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Dana Pixley, Super.

2008

Patrick Markham

2008

Robert Richards

2008

John Ouellette

2008

COUNCIL ON AGING

Brian MacLeod, Chair

2008

Patricia Clark, Vice Chair

2010

Rita Vail

2008

Shirley Gouvan

2009

Virginia Schneider

2007

Deanna Vermette

2008

Mary Malinski, Secretary

2010

Al Ouimet

2009

Karen Leger

2009

BOARD OF REGISTRAR

Arthur A. Booth, Jr

2009

Elizabeth M. Wells

2008

Janet M. Redin

2010

Eva Wiseman, Clerk

2008

COUNCIL OF AGING DIRECTOR

Rebecca Moriarty

2008

John J. Shay, Hampden Rep to GSSSI

2008

Michael Framarin, Water Op.

2008

STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Joe Kruzel, Chair

2008

Neil Flynn

2008

Dana Pixley

2008

Duane Mosier

2008

Jean Hall

2008

Bruce Libby

2008

Karl Sternberg

2008

Denise Fiedler

2008

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2007

CABLE COMMITTEE

Philip Grant	2008
David Lalonde	2008
Duane Mosier	2008
Mark Barba	2008

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Donald Collins, Chair	2008
William Gouzounis	2008
Richard Ayers	2009
Thomas Argenio	2009
Carol Fitzgerald	2010

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Doug Boyd	2008
John M. Flynn	2009
Dorothy Kibbe	2008
Lynne Wallace	2010

Cornelius Flynn, Planning Board Rep.
Phillip Grant, Conservation Comm. Rep.
Ben Bump, Housing Auth. Rep.
Connie Witt, Historical Comm. Rep.
Christopher McDonald, Park & Rec. Rep.

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Sheila Slate	2008
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ASSISTANT TREASURER

Richard Patullo	2008
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PVPC COMMISSIONER

Anthony Bongiorno, Alt.	2008
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PVTA REPRESENTATIVE

Doreen Fadus	2008
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ADA COORDINATOR

Arthur Booth, Jr.	2008
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APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2007

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Peter Hatch, Chief	2008
Michael Gorski, Assist Chief	2008
Charles Beaver, Deputy Chief	2008
Tim Evans, Captain	2008
Jason McCarthy, Lieutenant	2008
Andrew Netherwood, Secretary	2008
Nick Begin	2008
Jim Burns	2008
Pat Farrow	2008
Joseph Grant	2008
Richard Harris	2008
Lawrence Hatch	2008
Richard Hatch, Sr.	2008
Harold House	2008
Albert Jones	2008
Rick Kelly	2008
Joy LeBlanc	2008
Matthew Loveling	2008
Henry Managre	2008
Bryan Markham	2008
David Markham	2008
Michael Maserati	2008
Arthur McCarthy	2008
William Patric	2008
Edward Poulin	2008
Thomas Poulin	2008
Joshua Ross	2008
Scott Rumprik	2008
Michael Sicbaldi	2008
Thomas Smith	2008
David Sutcliffe	2008
Richard Thayer	2008
Frederick Warren	2008
John Lambert	2008

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2007

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF

Jeff Farnsworth 2008

SERGEANTS

William Joy, Jr. 2008

Joseph Henry 2008

POLICE OFFICERS

Scott Trombly 2008

Michael Cooney 2008

Todd Ely 2008

Brett Purchas 2008

Tawrin Seega 2008

Jason Roath 2008

William Jacques 2008

RESERVE OFFICERS

Robert Robinson 2008

Christopher Eck 2008

Mark Galarneau 2008

Daniel Devine 2008

Kevin Carroll 2008

John Michael Mikkola 2008

Matthew Frydryk 2008

David Houle 2008

David Goodrich 2008

Alexander Sierra 2008

DISPATCHERS (full time)

Radcliffe Kenison 2008

Laurie Ryder 2008

Philip Lord 2008

Julie Zimmerman 2008

DISPATCHERS (part time)

Matthew Frydryk 2008

Cheri Tanguay 2008

John Michael Mikkola 2008

Robert Lauer 2008

POLICE MATRON

Laurie Ryder 2008

Cheri Tanguay 2008

Julie Zimmerman 2008

SECRETARY POLICE DEPT.

Kathy Zanetti 2008

**IN RECOGNITION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN, THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE
FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS**

Melissa Lail-Trecker, Historical Commission

Kathy Foster, Planning Board Clerk

Ann Murphy, Board of Assessors Clerk

Patricia Smith, Assistant Town Clerk, Assistant Tax Collector, Assistant
Treasurer, Assistant Accountant, Conservation Commission

Patricia Loiko, Cultural Council

Robin Warner, Ridgeline/Hillside

Rick DeSanti, Ridgeline/Hillside

Charlie Schmitt, Conservation Commission

Hank Dunwoody, Cemetery Commission, Election Warden

William Olmstead, Hampden Housing Authority

Cynthia Bailey, Library Trustee

Robert Majkut, Planning Board

Laurie Niles, Planning Board

Mike Ford, Plumbing Inspector

Hermine Weston, Cultural Council

Neil Flynn, Stormwater Committee

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Monday-Friday, 7:00am-3:30pm
Phone: 566-8842

TRANSFER STATION

Saturday, 8am-4pm, Tuesday, 1-4pm
Recycling Sat. 8 am-4 pm
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Kathleen Hutchison	2010
Ray Andree	2009

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Administrative Assistant to
Board of Selectmen
Pamela Courtney

Coordinator for Board of Health
Jane Budynkiewicz

Miles Hapgood, Vice Chair	2009
George Stone	2010
Kathleen Flynn	2008
Cece Melville	2008
Benjamin Bump-State Appointed	

MODERATOR

Richard Patullo	2008
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Miles Hapgood, Jr.	2010
Arthur A. Booth, Jr.	2010

TOWN CLERK

Eva Wiseman	2010
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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

David Quill, Chairman	2008
Judith Hatch	2009
Richard Hatch	2010

TOWN TREASURER

Tracy Sicbaldi	2010
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Eva Wiseman	2010
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PLANNING BOARD

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Cornelius Flynn	2009
Joseph Kruzel	2010
John Matthews	2012

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Stanley Witkop, Assessor	2010
Norman Charest, Assessor	2009

Anthony Bongiorno, Assoc.	2008
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Assistant to the Assessors Dawn Barnes	2008
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Debbie House, Clerk	2008
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HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Scott Chapman	2009
Lisa Morace	2008

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Christopher McDonald, Chair	2008
Robert G. White, Jr.	2009
Mark A. Goossens	2010
Laurence Forrest	2009
Harold House	2008

Deborah House, Clerk	2008
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APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2007

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Clifford Bombard 2008
Judy Mikkola, Asst. to Accountant 2008

DOG OFFICERS

Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control 2008

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Peter Hatch 2008

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Shelly Sears 2008

SUPT OF INSECT/PEST CONTROL

Dana Pixley 2008

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Lorri McCool 2008

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Arthur Booth 2008

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER

Robert Mathison 2008

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Dana Pixley 2008

TREE WARDEN

Dana Pixley 2008

FENCE VIEWERS

John H. Field 2008
William H. Patric 2008

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Lance Trevallion 2008

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Gary Courtney 2008
Robert Lague, Alt. 2008

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Dennis Chaffee, Sr. 2008
Bernie Sears, Alt. 2008

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Timm Marini, Chair 2009
Doug Boyd 2008
Carol Fitzgerald 2010
Jeff Smith 2010
Jamie Collins 2009

Bobbie Addison, Clerk 2008

BOARD OF APPEALS

M. Chris Cesan, Chair 2010
Richard Jones, Vice Chair 2010
Kenneth E. Lefebvre 2008
L. Jed Berliner 2009
Richard E. Patullo 2008

Judy Jackson, Clerk 2008

BOARD OF APPEALS, ALTERNATES

Mark R. Barba 2008
Cheryl Cudnik 2008
David R. Scott 2008

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Rick Rubin, Chair 2008
Jerry Lesniak 2008
Marsha Miller-Spinelli 2008
Melissa Pearlman 2008
Patricia Ehlers 2008
Glennice Flynn, Sec. 2008

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2007

TOWN COUNSEL

David J. Martel

2008

PARKING CLERK

Eva Wiseman

2008

RIDGELINE & HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

John Matthews

2008

Richard Patullo

2008

Bonnie Geromini

2008

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONER

Ed Hatch

2008

George Bouchard

2010

Richard Jalbert

2009

Michael Framarin, Oper.

2008

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Phil Grant

2010

Pat Cote

2008

Bonnie Geromini

2008

Jeff Liquori

2009

Charlie Schmitt

2010

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Connie Witt, Chair

2009

Chrissy Cesan

2010

Sally Bryce

2008

Tom Foster

2009

Al Perusse

2008

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Dana Pixley, Super.

2008

Patrick Markham

2008

Robert Richards

2008

John Ouellette

2008

COUNCIL ON AGING

Brian MacLeod, Chair

2008

Patricia Clark, Vice Chair

2010

Rita Vail

2008

Shirley Gouvan

2009

Virginia Schneider

2007

Deanna Vermette

2008

Mary Malinski, Secretary

2010

Al Ouimet

2009

Karen Leger

2009

BOARD OF REGISTRAR

Arthur A. Booth, Jr

2009

Elizabeth M. Wells

2008

Janet M. Redin

2010

Eva Wiseman, Clerk

2008

COUNCIL OF AGING DIRECTOR

Rebecca Moriarty

2008

John J. Shay, Hampden Rep to GSSSI

2008

Michael Framarin, Water Op.

2008

STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Joe Kruzel, Chair

2008

Neil Flynn

2008

Dana Pixley

2008

Duane Mosier

2008

Jean Hall

2008

Bruce Libby

2008

Karl Sternberg

2008

Denise Fiedler

2008

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2007

CABLE COMMITTEE

Philip Grant	2008
David Lalonde	2008
Duane Mosier	2008
Mark Barba	2008

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Donald Collins, Chair	2008
William Gouzounis	2008
Richard Ayers	2009
Thomas Argenio	2009
Carol Fitzgerald	2010

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Doug Boyd	2008
John M. Flynn	2009
Dorothy Kibbe	2008
Lynne Wallace	2009
Cornelius Flynn, Planning Board Rep.	
Phillip Grant, Conservation Comm. Rep.	
Ben Bump, Housing Auth. Rep.	
Connie Witt, Historical Comm. Rep.	
Christopher McDonald, Park & Rec. Rep.	

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Sheila Slate	2008
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ASSISTANT TREASURER

Richard Patullo	2008
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PVPC COMMISSIONER

Anthony Bongiorno, Alt.	2008
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PVTA REPRESENTATIVE

Doreen Fadus	2008
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ADA COORDINATOR

Arthur Booth	2008
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APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2007

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Peter Hatch, Chief	2008
Michael Gorski, Assist Chief	2008
Charles Beaver, Deputy Chief	2008
Tim Evans, Captain	2008
Jason McCarthy, Lieutenant	2008
Andrew Netherwood, Secretary	2008
Nick Begin	2008
Jim Burns	2008
Pat Farrow	2008
Joseph Grant	2008
Richard Harris	2008
Lawrence Hatch	2008
Richard Hatch, Sr.	2008
Harold House	2008
Albert Jones	2008
Rick Kelly	2008
Joy LeBlanc	2008
Matthew Loveling	2008
Henry Managre	2008
Bryan Markham	2008
David Markham	2008
Michael Maserati	2008
Arthur McCarthy	2008
William Patric	2008
Edward Poulin	2008
Thomas Poulin	2008
Joshua Ross	2008
Scott Rumprik	2008
Michael Sicbaldi	2008
Thomas Smith	2008
David Sutcliffe	2008
Richard Thayer	2008
Frederick Warren	2008
John Lambert	2008

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2007

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF

Jeff Farnsworth 2008

SERGEANTS

William Joy, Jr. 2008

Joseph Henry 2008

POLICE OFFICERS

Scott Trombly 2008

Michael Cooney 2008

Todd Ely 2008

Brett Purchas 2008

Tawrin Seega 2008

Jason Roath 2008

William Jacques 2008

RESERVE OFFICERS

Robert Robinson 2008

Christopher Eck 2008

Mark Galarneau 2008

Daniel Devine 2008

Kevin Carroll 2008

John Michael Mikkola 2008

Matthew Frydryk 2008

David Houle 2008

David Goodrich 2008

Alexander Sierra 2008

DISPATCHERS (full time)

Radcliffe Kenison 2008

Laurie Ryder 2008

Philip Lord 2008

Julie Zimmerman 2008

DISPATCHERS (part time)

Matthew Frydryk 2008

Cheri Tanguay 2008

John Michael Mikkola 2008

Robert Lauer 2008

POLICE MATRON

Laurie Ryder 2008

Cheri Tanguay 2008

Julie Zimmerman 2008

SECRETARY POLICE DEPT.

Kathy Zanetti 2008

**IN RECOGNITION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN, THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE
FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS**

Melissa Lail-Trecker, Historical Commission

Kathy Foster, Planning Board Clerk

Ann Murphy, Board of Assessors Clerk

Patricia Smith, Assistant Town Clerk, Assistant Tax Collector, Assistant
Treasurer, Assistant Accountant, Conservation Commission

Patricia Loiko, Cultural Council

Robin Warner, Ridgeline/Hillside

Rick DeSanti, Ridgeline/Hillside

Charlie Schmitt, Conservation Commission

Hank Dunwoody, Cemetery Commission, Election Warden

William Olmstead, Hampden Housing Authority

Cynthia Bailey, Library Trustee

Robert Majkut, Planning Board

Laurie Niles, Planning Board

Mike Ford, Plumbing Inspector

Hermine Weston, Cultural Council

Neil Flynn, Stormwater Committee

Duane Mosier, Selectman

TOWN OF HAMPDEN PERMIT FEES
(FEES FOR PERMITS AFTER THE FACT ARE DOUBLED)
REVISED 1/22/04

Building Permits- Lance Trevallion- 566-2151, ext. 250

Commercial/Industrial Building (\$250 minimum)	40-cents/sq ft.
New House (\$150 minimum)	30-cents/sq ft.
<i>In the event of more than one unit per building, an additional fee of \$4 per unit will be charged, in addition to normal fee for new house.</i>	
Alterations/additions/accessory buildings (\$40 minimum)	30-cents/sq ft.
Swimming Pool	\$40
Solid Fuel Stoves	\$25

Electrical Permits- Gary Courtney- 566-2151, ext. 251

Commercial/Industrial Building Additions	\$180
New House	\$120
<i>In the event of more than 1 unit per building, an additional fee of \$4 per unit will be charged, in addition to normal fee for new house.</i>	
Alterations/Rewiring existing structure	\$100
Alterations/Change of service/temp service	\$80
Additions-added rooms, breezeway, garage, etc	\$80
Swimming Pools, Appliances	\$40

Plumbing Permits- Dennis Chaffee- 566-2151, ext. 252

Commercial/Industrial building	\$160
New House	\$120
<i>An additional fee of \$2 per fixture over 10 fixtures will be charged, in addition to the normal fee of \$120 per building</i>	
Additions	\$60
<i>-additional charges as above</i>	
Swimming Pool	\$30
<i>(Any swimming pool with a permanent plumbing connection is subject to a permit fee).</i>	

Gas Permits- Dennis Chaffee- 566-215, ext. 252

All gas permits	\$30
<i>In the event of multiple occupancy or multi-unit dwelling, the fee will be \$20 per meter up to 5 fixtures; above that, the fee will be \$2 per fixture</i>	

Solar Permit

Permits for solar installations will be based on the categories contained in the columns for Building, Electrical & Plumbing.

Call back Fees

Call back fees for building, electrical, plumbing, and fire inspections \$30

Fire Permits- Peter Hatch- 566-3314

Smoke Detector Inspection (new house)	\$60
Smoke Detector Inspection (real estate transfer)	\$60
Oil burner Inspection	\$60
Blasting Permit (Fire Chief)	\$60
Renewal of Smokeless powder (Fire Chief)	\$60
LP Gas Storage Permits (Fire Chief)	\$60
Tank and burner Inspection	\$60
Mobile fuel oil delivery vehicle	\$60
Underground storage tank installation (Fire Chief)	\$60
Multiple Unit Housing Inspection	\$60
Underground storage tank removal (Fire Chief)	\$90
Fire Report	\$35

Board of Selectmen- 566-2151**Liquor Licenses-**

• Restaurant- All Alcoholic	\$900*
• Veteran's Club- All Alcoholic	\$300*
• Package Store- All Alcoholic	\$1050*
• Package Store- Wine & Malt	\$525*

**Plus a \$200 application fee to Commonwealth of Massachusetts- Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission for new licenses, effective 7/10/03.*

Automatic Amusement License	\$25 per game
Weekday Entertainment Permit	\$100
Sunday Entertainment Permit:	
• Town fee	\$25 per category per year
• State fee:	
▪ Regular Hours (1pm-12am)	
• Per Sunday per category	\$10
• Per year per category	\$85
▪ Special Hours (before 1pm)	
• Per Sunday per category	\$20
• Per year per category	\$175
Common Victualler	\$20
Used Car License	\$25

Board of Health- 566-2152

Food Service Establishment Permits	\$50
Temporary Food Permits	\$15 per day
Milk & Cream License	\$10
Frozen Desserts Permit	\$10
General License	\$40
Massage Therapy License	\$40
Swimming Pool (Public/Semi-Public)	\$50
Septage Hauler Permit	\$50
Disposal Works Installer's License	\$50
Well Permit	\$25
Percolation Test	\$300
Disposal Works Construction Permit	\$200
<i>- includes one revision (new or repair/replace any part of system)</i>	
Each additional revision	\$50

TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING STATION

Cross Road, Hampden, MA 01036

HOURS OF OPERATION:

FOR HOUSEHOLD TRASH DISPOSAL: Tues: 1-4 pm; Sat: 8am-4pm

RECYCLING: every Saturday; 8am-4pm

ALL VEHICLES ENTERING THE TRANSFER STATION MUST HAVE A TRANSFER STATION STICKER.

The stickers are sold at the Board of Health office. First car sticker costs \$15.00*;
additional stickers within the same household: \$5.00.

Stickers are valid for one year and expire on June 30th of the following year.

HOUSEHOLD TRASH

All household trash must be disposed of in yellow preprinted bags purchased from the following locations:

- Board of Health Office
- Transfer Station
- Council on Aging / Senior Center
- The Grog Shoppe

The bags are sold in packages of 10.

16 Gallon bags= \$10.00

33 Gallon bags= \$20.00

Massachusetts prohibits the disposal of the following items:

- ❖ Paper and cardboard
- ❖ Bottles and cans
- ❖ Narrow neck plastics
- ❖ Leaves and yard waste
- ❖ Car batteries
- ❖ TV's and computers
- ❖ Large home appliances
- ❖ Hazardous waste

Be sure to keep these items out of your trash.

What are considered hazardous items?

Products with labels that say “**caustic**”, “**toxic**”, “**corrosive**”, “**poison**”, “**flammable**”, “**warning**”, “**danger**”, or “**caution**”, are considered hazardous items.

Examples: antifreeze, mercury, creosote, chemistry kits, DDT, drain cleaners, fertilizers, pesticides, gasoline, pool chemicals, paint thinner, wood stain, lead based paint, brake fluid, etc. *Call the Board of Health office` for a complete list.*

Wait for the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, held in September of every year, to dispose of these items.

Look for the Bulk Disposal Day, April 9, 2008 at the Transfer Station – call for an appointment.

Recycling Information

Recycling – It’s easier than you think!

Recycling requirements have changed over the years, making it even simpler for you to take part. You no longer have to remove labels or keep track of many other recycling rules. Most items can just be dropped in the bin!

Your efforts are making a difference!

Our town sends its recyclable materials to the Springfield Material Recycling Facility (MRF). Last year, the “MRF” collected more than 50,000 tons of recyclables from communities in Western Massachusetts. That included enough paper to save 595,000 trees and enough plastic soda bottles to make 160,000 fleece jackets. Enough energy was saved by recycling aluminum cans to run a refrigerator for 65,500 days. You have helped make our recycling program a success. With your continued commitment, we will achieve our recycling goals. Keep up the good work!

RECYCLING GUIDE

MIXED PAPER:

****All paper and cardboard must be clean & dry****

- **Junk Mail, including window envelopes**
 - **Newspaper & Inserts**
 - **Magazines & Catalogs**
 - **Paper Bags**
 - **Paperbacks & Phone Books, Remove Covers**
 - **Computer Paper, White and Colored office paper**
 - **Cardboard, flattened**
 - **Cereal Boxes, Shoe Boxes, etc., Remove Plastic liners**
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- ***NO egg cartons, pizza boxes, or wrapping paper***
 - ***NO take-out containers***
 - ***NO soda or beer holders /cartons***
 - ***NO waxed paper or waxed cardboard***
 - ***NO Plastic Grocery Bags***

CONTAINERS:

****All containers must be rinsed to remove all residue.****

- **Glass bottles & jars, all colors**
 - **Aluminum/Tin/Steel Cans & lids**
 - **Aluminum Foil**
 - **Milk & Juice Cartons (Tent-Top) Drink Boxes, remove straws**
 - **Plastic Bottles, Jars, Tubs, less than 2 gallons (With the Recyclable Symbol, # 1-7), discard plastic caps and lids**
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- ***NO light bulbs, window or auto glass, dishes, glasses, Pyrex, ceramics, or broken glass***
 - ***NO paint or aerosol cans or other metal objects***
 - ***NO plastic bags, containers over 2 gallons, motor oil jugs, chemical containers, Styrofoam flower pots or trays***

CLEAN METAL:

- **Pipes, Aluminum Gutters, Bikes**
 - ***NO appliances***
 - ***NO gas engines***

YARD WASTE:

- **Leaves**
- **Grass**
- ***NO branches***

Maximum Wt. per item: 25-lbs.

MORE RECYCLING TIPS

Clothing:

Goodwill and Salvation Army take clothes, draperies, etc.

Books:

Donate to libraries. Some bookstores buy used books.

Wire Hangers:

Accepted by many dry cleaners in the region. May be accepted in scrap metal bin if hangers have no plastic.

Plastic Bags:

Recycled at some area supermarkets

Polystyrene "Peanuts":

Call 1-800-828-2214 or 1-800-789-4623

Motor Oil and Paint Disposal

Used motor oil is accepted at Auto Zone and other stores where motor oil can be purchased. Do not bring this to the Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Latex paints can be disposed of with your regular trash after it is allowed to dry out. See the drying procedure below.

Empty Cans:

Remove the lid and let dry completely to a solid state. Place in your trash. If it does not completely dry, treat as a partial can.

Partially Full Cans:

Remove the lid. Pour in absorbent kitty litter. Stir the mixture. Let dry to a solid state — usually happens overnight. Check to make sure that it is completely dry. If there is still liquid residue left, repeat the procedure. Once paint is completely dry, place can without lid in the trash. Place lid separately in the trash.

Stains and Lead based Paints should be saved for Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

WHAT ABOUT TIRES, BATTERIES, OLD CELL PHONES?

Car tires:

Remove the rim, place the rubber tire in a 33 gallon trash bag (only 1 tire per bag) and this can be disposed of as trash. You may throw the rim in the scrap metal recycling container.

Alkaline batteries can be thrown in the regular trash.

Rechargeable batteries should be recycled. Most Radio Shack stores & national hardware chains have free drop boxes.

Old cell phones must be recycled. While the toxic materials (including arsenic in semi-conductors) in a single phone are minimal, consider the number of discarded cell phones in the relatively short time the technology has been available. Throwing these devices in landfills will cause lasting damage to the environment. There are various recycling programs and drop off centers for recycling. The phones are either refurbished and used for domestic violence victims or taken apart and the various components recycled. Please call your cell phone company to get information on their recycling program or drop off center.

BULKY ITEMS

(Furniture, mattress, appliances, etc.)

Call **Bulk Disposal, Inc.** at 596-9276. Pick-up and Drop-off rates available.

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS DISPOSAL

Call **Waste Management Western Processing Facilities**, 120 Old Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 for rates, directions and hours of operation.

Tel. 596-4635 or 1-800-545-4560

For any other questions regarding the Transfer Station operations or trash disposal and recycling, contact the Board of Health office at **566-2151 ext. 102**
Mondays thru Thursdays, 8am—2pm.

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

As the Animal Inspector for the Town of Hampden, I would like to report the following for 2007:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Young</u>
Cattle: (Adult=2 years + over)		
Dairy	1	0
Beef	19	8
Steers/Oxen	1	0
Goats (Adult = 1 year + over)	23	6
Sheep (Adult = 1 year + over)	1	0
Swine		
Breeders		0
Feeders		3
Llamas/Alpacas	10	0
Equines: Horses/Ponies	139	7
Donkeys/Mules	2	
Poultry: Chickens	324	
Turkey	5	
Waterfowl	55	
Gamebirds	0	
Rabbits:	6	

There were 2 domestic animals quarantined due to a wildlife encounter, and five dog bites to humans. There was one dog on dog attack that resulted in a quarantine.

Respectfully submitted:

Shelley Sears
Animal Inspector

BOARD OF APPEALS

Cases applied for and heard in 2007 included the following:

- 2007 – 1 A variance from Zoning Section Table 7.2 and a Special Permit under Zoning Bylaw Section 4.3 to allow the addition of a six foot front porch and a third garage on an existing concrete pad at the side of the property.
- The Variance for the porch was withdrawn as by using “averaging” under Table 7.2 the porch could be legally built.
- A Variance and a Special permit were granted to allow a third garage to be built on the existing concrete pad.
- 2007 – 2 A Variance from the requirements of Zoning Section 7.2 to allow a carport to be added to a garage at the rear of the property was allowed to be withdrawn without prejudice.
- 2007 – 3 A Special Permit was granted to allow the attachment of a carport next to a garage on a non-conforming pre-existing lot with a minimum side setback of 25 feet.
- 2007 – 4 A renewal of a Special Permit was granted to allow the removal of earth for agricultural land improvement.

Respectfully submitted:

M. Chris Cesan, Chair
Richard P. Jones, Vice Chair
L. Jed Berliner, Clerk
Richard E. Patullo
Kenneth e. Lefebvre

Cheryl M. Cudnik, alternate
David R. Scott, alternate
Mark R. Barba, alternate

Judy M. Jackson, Secretary

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Ann Murphy, assistant to the Board of Assessors, who left this year for a job with another community. Ann was a great employee and a valuable asset to the board. We wish her well in her new position.

We were fortunate to find Dawn Barnes who was interested in working in the position vacated by Ann. Dawn has years of experience working in an assessors' office and has a good understanding of the laws and forms associated with her work. Welcome aboard.

We would like to welcome back to the board Stanley Witkop, who was re-elected to another three year term. This has been a very busy year and his experience and knowledge of the town is a valuable asset. Stanley graciously agreed to accept the chairman position.

Assessors did an interim year adjustment of property values. Sales' figures indicated that values were increasing and in order to stay within the guidelines of the Department of Revenue, an adjustment was made. Assessors will continue to review the sale values to ensure a fair assessment. The tax rate for fiscal year 2008 is \$13.45, down from 2007.

The board would like to thank town officials, employees and residents who consistently work to make Hampden a great place to live.

Respectfully submitted:

Stanley W. Witkop, Chair
Diane L. Hildreth, MAA, Assessor
Norman Charest, Assessor
Dawn Barnes, Assistant to the Board

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

of

FISCAL 2008

HAMPDEN

City/Town/District

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

Ia. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)	\$ 9,906,862.16
Ib. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	1,861,179.00
Ic. Tax levy (Ia minus Ib)	\$ 8,045,683.16
Id. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies	

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA-5)	(c) IC above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class (from LA-5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (d) x (e) / 1000
Residential	94.3086%	7,587,771.15	564,566,300	13.44	7,587,771.07
Exempt					
Open Space	0.0000%	0.00	0		
Commercial	3.3934%	273,022.21	20,313,940	13.44	273,019.35
Exempt					
Industrial	0.3205%	25,786.41	1,919,000	13.44	25,791.36
SUBTOTAL	98.0225%		586,799,240		7,886,581.78
Personal	1.9775%	159,103.38	11,837,900	13.44	159,101.38
TOTAL	100.0000%		598,637,140		8,045,683.16

Board of Assessors of **HAMPDEN**

City or Town

Date

Tel. No.

Do Not Write Below This Line --- For Department of Revenue Use Only

Reviewed By _____

Date _____

Approved: _____

Director of Accounts

Date

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED *

	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2007	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2008
→ 1. Motor vehicle excise	\$ 629,167.00	\$ 640,000.00
→ 2. Other excise		
→ 3. Penalties and interest on taxes and excises	30,373.00	34,037.00
→ 4. Payments in lieu of taxes		
5. Charges for Services - water		
6. Charges for Services - sewer		
7. Charges for Services - hospital		
8. Charges for Services - trash disposal		
9. Other charges for services		
10. Fees		
11. Rentals		
12. Departmental revenue - Schools		
13. Departmental revenue - Libraries		
14. Departmental revenue - Cemeteries		
15. Departmental revenue - Recreation		
16. Other departmental revenue	69,396.00	49,986.00
17. Licenses and permits	7,570.00	6,555.00
18. Special assessments		
→ 19. Fines and forfeits	20,205.00	19,390.00
→ 20. Investment income	42,297.00	32,725.00
→ 21. Miscellaneous recurring (please specify)	10,200.00	10,200.00
22. Miscellaneous non-recurring (please specify)		
23. TOTALS	\$ 809,208.00	\$ 792,893.00

I hereby certify that the actual receipts as shown in column (a) are, to the best of my knowledge correct and complete, and I further certify that I have examined the entries made on page 4 of the fiscal 2008 tax rate recapitulation form by the City/Town/District Clerk and hereby acknowledge that such entries correctly reflect the appropriations made and the sources from which such appropriations are to be met.

Date Accountant/Auditor Tel. No.

* Do not include receipts in columns (a) or (b) that were voted by the City/Town/District Council or Town Meeting as offset receipts on Schedule A-1, enterprise funds on Schedule A-2, or revolving funds on Schedule A-3. Written documentation must be submitted to support increases / decreases of estimated receipts to actual receipts.

→ Written documentation must be submitted to support increases/decreases of FY2007 estimated receipts to FY2008 estimated receipts to be used in calculating the municipal revenue growth factor.

II. Amounts to be raised

Ila. Appropriations (col. (b) through col. (e) from Page 4)		\$ 9,725,152.46
Ilb. Other amounts to be raised		
1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes	11,500.00	
2. Debt and interest charges not included on page 4	2,780.50	
3. Final court judgments		
4. Total overlay deficits of prior years		
5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)	7,372.00	
6. Revenue deficits		
7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E		
8. Authorized deferral of teachers' pay		
9. Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44 Sec. 31D	60,852.00	
10. Other (specify on separate letter)	26,520.65	
TOTAL Ilb (Total lines 1 through 10)		109,025.15
Ilc. State and county cherry sheet charge (C.S. 1-EC)		15,430.00
Ild. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)		57,254.55
Ile. Total amount to be raised (Total Ila through Ild)		\$ 9,906,862.16

III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

IIIa. Estimated receipts - State		
1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	\$ 830,429.00	
2. Massachusetts School Building Authority Payments		
TOTAL IIIa		830,429.00
IIIb. Estimated receipts - Local		
1. Local receipts not allocated (Page 3, col. (b), Line 23)	792,893.00	
2. Offset receipts (See Schedule A-1)	0.00	
3. Enterprise funds (See Schedule A-2)	120,000.00	
4. Community preservation funds (See Schedule A-4)	97,857.00	
TOTAL IIIb		1,010,750.00
IIIc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes		
1. Free cash (Page 4, col. (c))	0.00	
2. Other available funds (Page 4, col. (d))	20,000.00	
TOTAL IIIc		20,000.00
IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate		
1. a. Free cash...appropriated on or before June 30, 2007		
b. Free cash...appropriated on or after July 1, 2007		
2. Municipal light source		
3. Teachers' pay deferral		
4. Other source : _____		
TOTAL IIId		0.00
IIIe. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (Total IIIa through IIId)		\$ 1,861,179.00

IV. Summary of total amount to be raised and total receipts from all sources

a. Total amount to be raised (from Ile)		\$ 9,906,862.16
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	\$ 1,861,179.00	
c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)	\$ 8,045,683.16	
d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)		\$ 9,906,862.16

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER 2007

Building Permits & Inspections		Total Permits & Inspections	
Dwelling	46	Building	178
Addition / Alteration	65		
Commercial new	1	Electrical	163
Commercial addition or alteration	3		
Pool	14	Plumbing/Gas	135
Garages	4		
Outbuilding	19		
Woodstoves	24		
Fire damage	1		
Demolition	1		
Total Building	178		

The Building Department would like to remind you that Building Permits are required for roofing, siding, replacement windows, wood or pellet stoves, assessory buildings as well as new construction.

The Town of Hampden has recently approved Regulations for Outdoor Wood-fired Boilers/Furnaces. Plumbing and electrical permits are required as part of the installation process.

We would like to welcome Gary Courtney as the Electrical Inspector and Dennis Chaffee Sr. as the Plumbing Inspector.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance Trevallion
Building Commissioner

**REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER
2007**

BOARD OF HEALTH

	2005*	2006*	2007*
Annual Flu Clinic	196	185	185
Pneumonia	0	0	10
Lyme Disease	16	14	15
Annual Rabies Clinic	50	50	50
Percolation Tests	52	57	40
Septic Systems – Installed/Repaired	44	65	84
Well Permits	21	18	51
Septic Haulers Permits Issued	4	4	4
Disposal Works Installers Licenses Issued	17	10	12
Food Service Establishment Permits Issued	28	28	28
Public Swimming Pool Permits	1	1	1
Health / Nuisance Complaints	3	3	7
No. of gallons of Hazardous Household Waste Collected	490	800	500

*(Numbers based on calendar year)

The Transfer Station is being used by approximately 650 households, where 580 tons of solid waste and 220 tons of recyclable materials were processed. The recycling area opened for weekly recycling to make it more convenient for all town residents to recycle. **As a result of our weekly recycling efforts we have decreased our trash intake by 103 tons and increased our recycling material by 59 tons. This saves our community money while protecting the environment.**

The Town held a Bulk Removal Day in December. The hours of operation were from 8:00am to 4:00pm and during this period nearly 40 residents took advantage of the drop-off. We recycled electronic items such as TV's, computer monitors, computer CPU's and stereo equipment. We recycled white good items (some containing CFC's) such as refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, stoves and dehumidifiers. We recycled car/lawn tractor batteries. We recycled misc metal items such as household, lawn/garden tools, lawnmowers and car parts. The balance of the items we received were furniture, mattresses, box springs, tires, misc clean-up and remodeling debris. In speaking with the residents who participated, they were very pleased to have this service offered and many felt that it was well "over due". The plan is to try and set-up again in the spring.

The Board of Health would like to thank the people that keep the transfer station running smoothly on a weekly basis, Tom Balser and Carroll Willey. And thanks to the Highway Superintendent, Dana Pixley and the Highway Department for all their continuous help. For more information on how to use the Transfer Station, please refer to the Transfer Station Information section of this Town Report.

On April 7, 2007, we held our annual Rabies Clinic at the Highway Department Town Garage, where 50 dogs/cats were vaccinated. Many thanks to Dr. Penny Peck for her time and to our Town Clerk, Eva Wiseman, for her help in issuing dog licenses, and to the Girl Scouts, who, once again, lent a hand in organizing this important annual event.

On September 8, we participated in the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Day that was held at Minnechaug Regional High School. During this event, 500 gallons of hazardous waste from our Town were disposed of properly. The event also took in 20 mercury fever thermometers for exchange. Please contact the Board of Health office

for more information on what materials are accepted during the event. September 2008 is the next hazardous waste collection month.

The Board of Health and the C.O.A. held a flu clinic on November 11, 2007. Approximately, one hundred eighty individuals were vaccinated for influenza. Many thanks to Rebecca Moriarty for her many hours of tireless work, the Council on Aging volunteers, nurses Judy Hatch, Bea Moriarty, the student nurses from STCC and volunteers who helped make this event a successful one.

The Board of Health and Lorri McCool, Hampden Board of Health Agent, has continued to work with the Hampden County Health Coalition (HCHC) in preparation for an emergency response plan. The Town of Hampden is working to develop an Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) and Staging areas in order to effectively inoculate the residents of Hampden, as required. The funds provided by the HCHC have enabled the town to purchase a printer. The upcoming year will continue to focus on increasing the capacity, capability and level of preparedness for routine and emergency public health events. If interested in volunteering on this project please call the Board of Health.

Well water testing for Coliform bacteria is now available throughout the year. Sterile sample bottles may be picked up from the BOH office with instructions on how to properly draw a water sample. Residents are responsible for taking their sample to the laboratory for testing and for the cost of the test. Con-Test Labs located in East Longmeadow charges \$50.00** a sample, There are other local labs that may be used for testing as well.

The Transfer Station underwent its annual Compliance Report in January and we are pleased to report that we received an excellent rating. Noted were our physical improvements and the conversion to weekly recycling. Our plans for this year call for continued improvements with the removal of the trailers and the installation of a new storage building.

We encourage you to visit our website, www.hampden.org, to access forms required for percolation testing, disposal works construction application, Title V information and links, Transfer Station information, upcoming events, etc.

On November 13, 2007 the Department of Environmental Protection signed off on the regulations for the Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler/ Furnaces. These regulations were submitted after much research on the part of our Board of Health Agent and ourselves. Anyone who is currently operating such a unit or contemplating the purchase of one is subject to the Board of Health Regulations and should contact the Board of Health office to be sure you are in compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Budynkiewicz, Board of Health Coordinator
Richard R. Green, Chair Board of Health

**Cost of water testing subject to change based on Con-Test Lab prices.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Registered voters on Jan. 1, 2007 – 3565, December 31, 2007 - 3543

Voter attendance during 2007:

Democratic Party Caucus, March 29, 2007	21
Republican Party Caucus, March 30, 2007	64
Annual Town Meeting, April 30, 2007	191
Annual Town Election, May 7, 2007	1290
Special Town Meeting, November 7, 2007	51
Special Town Meeting, December 3, 2007	51

Inspectors and Tellers

Republican	Democratic	Unenrolled
Beth Burger	Brenda Ahlberg	Mary Lou Black
Edith Casey	Ann Burian	Aline Burt
Andree Crowley	Mary Cesan	Robert Dieckmeyer
Irene Cutting	Carol Collins	Catherine Herchel
Beryl Doten	Sophie Davenport	Diane Hildreth
Gerald Doten	Nancy Downey	Deborah O'Brien
Mary Dunklee	Kathleen Flynn	Doris Ouimet
Barbara Dunwoody	Sheila Flynn	Doreen Rauch
Kathleen Duquette	Richard Gouvan	Donna Easton-Vicalvi
Beth Fatse	Shirley Gouvan	Lynn Zanolli
Rebecca Gibb	Sandra Gray	William Zanolli
Mary Hamel	Judith Jackson	
Miles Hapgood	Dorothy Kibbe	
Dorothy Hill	Ronald Lech	
Joyce Libby	Gail Lefebvre	
David Kingsbury	Kathleen Rochford	
Elaine Kingsbury	Margaret Rochford	
Nancy Salerno	Evelyn Schmidt	Respectfully submitted,
Philip Schneider, Jr	Rita Southworth	Board of Registrars
Patricia Smith		Arthur Booth, Jr
Elizabeth Wells		Janet Redin
Robert Wells		Elizabeth Wells
Carolyn Whipple		Eva Wiseman, Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2007 was a busy and productive year for the Board of Selectmen. Many new faces brought fresh perspectives to Town boards, and we welcome all those who volunteer to serve our community.

First and foremost, the Town's financial outlook improved, due to good fiscal management, and a long overdue restoration in state aid levels. The bulk of this revenue increase was put into the town's stabilization account.

2007 saw a debt exclusion vote to start the five-year Infrastructure Improvement Plan. Our thanks and appreciation goes out to Dana Pixley and his DPW crew, Pat, Bob, John and Lauren, for their efforts this year. It's been said, but not often enough, that Hampden's DPW outperforms many other communities in both their effort and performance, and this year was no exception.

Improvements to the Town House were continued, thanks to a CPA grant. The deteriorating cement façade over the entrance was rebuilt by local artisan Joe Grant, and the Town House cupola will be rebuilt this spring. We thank the Town House Building committee for their continuing efforts.

In addition, a new town hall generator was installed, replacing the generator donated by Mary Lyons over fifteen years ago. A new generator is being installed in early 2008 at the Senior Center, thanks to an Earmark grant from the state.

We welcome new Selectman Vincent Villamaino to the board, and we thank Duane Mosier for his years of service to the board and the Town.

As always, our job is made easier by the efforts of Pam Courtney and Jane Budynkiewicz. Lastly, our thanks go to you, the residents of Hampden, along with our promise to continue to work for YOU!

The Board meets every Monday at 6:30PM and welcomes all members of our community to our meetings

Sincerely,

John D. Flynn, Chairman

Richard R. Green

Vincent J. Villamaino

CHARTER: CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Section 1:

The Board of Selectmen shall establish and appoint a committee to be known as the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, composed of one member of the Board of Selectmen, two members of the Advisory Committee and two members at-large to be appointed (1) by the Board of Selectmen, (1) by the Moderator. At-large members to be appointed to staggered three-year terms, other members to be appointed for one-year terms. The Town Accountant and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members without the right to vote. The Committee shall appoint its own officers and observe all requirements of the "open meeting law".

Section 2:

The Committee shall study proposed capital projects and improvements involving major non-recurring tangible assets and projects which:

- Are purchased or undertaken at intervals of not less than five years;
- Have a useful life of at least five years;
- Cost over \$10,000

Section 3:

All officers, boards and committees (including the Selectmen and the School Committee) shall be October 15 of each year, submit to the Committee, on forms provided by the Committee, information concerning all anticipated projects requiring Town Meeting action during the ensuing six years. The Committee shall consider the relative need, impact, timing, cost and the effect each will have on the financial position of the Town. No expenditure shall be voted for a capital outlay by the committee which is not reflected in the Committee's report unless the requestor shall first have submitted a report explaining the omission.

Section 4:

The Committee shall prepare an annual report recommending a Capital Improvement Budget for the next fiscal year and a Capital Improvement Program including recommended capital improvements for the following five years. The report shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for its consideration, approval, and inclusion in the annual Town Report no later than January 30 of each year.

Section 5:

Such capital program, after its adoption, shall permit the expenditure on projects included therein of sums from departmental budgets for surveys, architectural or engineering advice, options or appraisals; but no such expenditure shall be incurred on projects which have not been so approved by the Town either by approval or through the appropriation of sums in the current year or in prior years.

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Established 2001

Capital projects have been defined as those having a useful life of at least five years and a cost greater than \$10,000. All projects are under review. The following is a compilation of the projects, the estimated cost and the desired time schedule.

The projects completed are half toned.

Dept	Description	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Future
Town House	Parking lot reconstruction									
	Town House Flat Roof					50,000				
	Telephone system						7000	42,000		
	Generator						60,000			
	Replace A/C							50,000		
COA	Elderly Transportation (van)							45,000		
	Generator						50,000			
	Automatic Door Opener		(donated)	6,000						
	Room partition	(donated)	19,000							
Fire	Fire Truck				171,000					
	Fire truck (2001 replaced)	212,000								
	Fire Station Addition									300,000 ?
Highway	Projected Road paving & drainage repair need for next ten years						340,000	340,000	340,000	340,000
	Road Paving									
	Bridge Maint at Mill & Chapin Rd									
	Drainage Maint Carmody Rd	18,000								
	Drainage Maint TWB	18,000								
	Replace Dump truck due to accident		86,500			95,000				
	Salt shed roof (replace)								16,000	
	Garage repairs									15,000
	Expand Storage Shed							20,000		
	New Equipment (backhoe/loader)									100,000
	Equipment Replacement (Dumptruck 1 ton w/ plow)					49,000				
	Pickup truck replacement						28,000	30,000		
	1989 Mack Dump Truck replace								125,000	
	Dump body replacement								12,000	
	Sander replacement					18,000				
Police	Computer System (lease)			23,000						
	Weapons	12,500								
	E911 UPGRADE					12,000				
School	TWB-short term (1-4 yrs)									
	TWB-Boiler replaced				200,000					
	TWB-ADA Bathroom					30,000				
	TWB-mid term (4-6 yrs)									509,000
	TWB-long term (6+ yrs)									115,000
	TWB Fire Alarm & Intercom	47,000								
	Green Meadows School renovation				9,975,000					

➔ Indicates "moved to future year"

CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Commissioners have been active overseeing the maintenance of Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery. Arrangements were made for the excavation and refilling of graves at the time of interment.

Activities this year also included marking out several graves for the installation of monuments and the placement of corner markers on several lots. The Cemetery Commissioner's office is currently accepting bids for lawn maintenance at both cemeteries.

The state has mandated that each lot have a permanent marker showing the number of the lot in each cemetery. We continue the process of reviewing the maps of both cemeteries showing the actual lot and the names of those interred. We are researching options that may be available to help defray costs of redrawing the maps.

Several lots were sold in both Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery and space is still available. We will open up a new section of Old Cemetery this year to make more lots available. A new section in Old Cemetery is also being surveyed for lots and should be available late spring.

We have also notified residents with notice in the WH Times that we are interested in buying back lots purchased many years ago that will not be used.

Please remember that the maintenance of anything planted in the gravesite is the responsibility of the owner. Plantings that exceed the boundaries of the gravesite should be removed. Please dispose of any trash in the barrels provided at the cemeteries. This is a country cemetery and does not have some of the amenities of more expensive sites. Please do your part to maintain the beauty of these spots.

Quarterly meetings of the Cemetery Commission are held at the Town House the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 PM. Commissioners may be contacted at this time or by calling an individual commissioners at the phone numbers listed below or calling 566-2151, extension 111 and leaving a message.

Respectfully submitted:

Cemetery Commissioners:
Richard Hatch, Judith Hatch, and David Quill
Kathleen Foster, Clerk

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Hampden adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2001. Although the law allows up to a 3% surcharge on property taxes (the first \$100,000 valuation on residential property being exempt), Hampden voted the minimum of a 1% surcharge for CPA funds. In FY07, the taxpayers' contribution totaled \$46,856.00 and received a matching FY05 contribution from the State of \$44,847.00. Although we have received full matching funds for the past 6 years, it is likely the percentage of State contribution will be reduced in the future as more communities have adopted the CPA. The monies collected by this surcharge may only be used for Open Space, Historic Preservation, Affordable Housing and limited Recreational Use.

Pursuant to the requirements of the law, the Community Preservation Committee is comprised of representatives of the following committees: Planning Board, Housing Authority, Historical Commission, Conservation Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, as well as Members at Large.

The Community Preservation Committee reviews and assesses each request for CPA funds to assure that criteria for each category are met. Only after the Committee has approved the application(s) for funds will the recommendation be made for the Town Meeting. The voters at Town Meeting make the final decision for appropriation of CPA funds.

In 2007 (per the committee's recommendation and voter approval) the following proposals were approved:

OPEN SPACE	\$100,000 for conservation restrictions payable over 2 fiscal years
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	\$20,000 for town house improvements
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AFFORDABLE HOUSING	
RECREATION	\$2,500 for trail conservation on Minnechaug Mountain (request subsequently withdrawn by Land Trust due to inability to obtain other grants).

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas Boyd, Chair (Member at Large)
Dorothy Kibbe, Secretary (Member at Large)
Neil Flynn (Planning Board)
Benjamin Bump (Housing Authority)
Connie Witt (Historical Commission)
John M. Flynn (Member at Large)
Phillip Grant (Conservation Commission)
Chris McDonald (Parks)
Lynne Wallace, (Member at Large)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The functions of the Conservation Commission are as follows:

- **Planning.** Fostering land use patterns protective of natural resources.
- **Preservation.** Assuring the permanent protection of important local land and water resources conservation through conservation land acquisition and assisting in securing and enforcing conservation restrictions.
- **Stewardship.** Management of conservation lands for a variety of benefits.
- **Regulations.** Relating to the use of conservation lands and the protection of wetlands and floodplains under the Wetlands Protection Act and local bylaws and ordinances.
- **Recreation.** Passive (and to some degree active) use of open space.
- **Education.** Encouraging a conservation ethic in the community; hosting walks and other events.
- **Coordination.** Working with other town departments and non-profit organizations in the interest of natural resource protection.

During the past year, we held twelve regular meetings as well as one special meeting. We received six Notices of Intent and five Requests for Determinations and provided oversight on several proposals from previous years. Site visits were completed on all of these properties. The Conservation Commission also responds to concerns from town residents regarding possible wetland violations. Site visits have been completed on reported concerns and appropriate action taken when needed.

Charlie Schmitt resigned from the Commission effective January, 2008 leaving the Conservation Commission with four full time members. The Commission would like to thank Charlie for his dedicated service in helping to preserve the town's natural resources.

We are always anxious to meet people who are interested in joining the Commission. If you are interested in becoming an associate member and learning about the work of the Conservation Commission, speak to any of the Commission members.

The Commission looks forward to continue serving the residents of the Town of Hampden.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Schmitt, Chairman
Pat Cote
Bonnie Geromini
Phil Grant
Jeff Liquori
Judy Mikkola, Clerk

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Hampden Senior Center is thriving. Currently the building is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. and on Wednesdays from 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

The Hampden Senior Center exists to serve the senior population of Hampden by offering activities and support services. Services available include but are not limited to: Care Management, Monthly health screenings, Congregate Meals, Insurance Counseling, Transportation Assistance, Outreach and monthly newsletter, Brown Bag Program, Prescription Assistance, Lock box program, Fuel Assistance, Entertainment/Social Club, Health and Education, Tax Assistance, Recreation/hobbies/arts/crafts & games. We continue to strive to identify the needs of the senior population in Hampden and to try and best meet those needs with programs and services.

Executive Director Becky Moriarty completed an intensive certification program through the Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging. She completed a portfolio identifying programs and services currently offered at the senior center as well as programs that need to be enhanced or introduced. Becky received her award in front of her peers from around the state at a ceremony held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in October. Becky is one of only 35 directors who have completed this process out of a total of 345 directors in Massachusetts.

Thanks to a vote at the last town meeting, Sue LaMondia's Outreach Coordinator position at the senior center saw an increase in funding. This program is partially grant funded through Greater Springfield Senior Services. This allows Sue the opportunity to serve more people who are in need. We are pleased to have the support of the town to assist in the continuation of this very important program.

The Friends of Hampden Seniors continue to support the Senior Center by raising money at bake sales, dinners, the annual holiday gift table and tag sale. The Friends generously pay for the mailing of the Scantic Scribe each month. The group also funded new mulch for the gardens, conference registrations fees for Becky and Sue to attend the annual MCOA conference in Sturbridge, a new scholarship program for people who would like to attend programs at the senior center but have limited funding, and an expansion of the giving tree in the great room. The Friends Group is a hard working group and their constant support and efforts to raise money for the senior center is very much appreciated.

The Lions Club continues to pay for the paper used to print the Scribe. Without this generous annual donation we would not be able to print the Scribe and have it in every household in Hampden. Thank you Lions Club for your support!

COUNCIL ON AGING P2

The Lunch Bunch continues to be a core service here at the senior center. Under the direction of Christine Mansfield meal site numbers have been on the rise since our reopening. People enjoy not only the food, but the fellowship with friends.

As always the senior center could not exist without volunteers. Over 80 people help in so many ways. Countless hours are put in on a daily basis by dedicated volunteers. Often times, the work is not done here in the building. Volunteers are out running errands for homebound older adults, driving people to medical appointments, making friendly visits and telephone calls, delivering medical equipment and more. Our "in house" volunteers are helping in the office, the kitchen, with activities and programs, decorating, the monthly newsletter, gardening and so many other programs too numerous to list. Thank you volunteers!

Many new programs and activities are taking place at the senior center on a daily basis. We encourage you to join us. If you have an idea for new programs or events that you would like to see here, please let us know. We are interested in knowing what you think about what we do and what we offer.

Our seniors are precious resources who need encouragement and appreciation. Thank you for your support of our seniors and the Hampden Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rebecca C. Moriarty, Executive Director
Brian MacLeod, Chairman
Patricia Clark, Vice Chairman
Al Ouimet, Treasurer
Deanna Vermette
Mary Malinski, Secretary

Rita Vail
Shirley Gouvan
Karen Leger
Virginia Schneider

Rep. To GSSSI: John Shay

Council on Aging Staff

<i>Executive Director:</i>	Rebecca C. Moriarty
<i>Administrative Clerk:</i>	Helena Nossal
<i>Activities Coordinator:</i>	Bobbi Grant
<i>Custodian:</i>	Rudie Voight
<i>Outreach Coordinator:</i>	Susan LaMondia
<i>Senior Aide:</i>	Anna Rose Ingari

Affiliations: National Council on Aging, Mass Association of Council on Aging & Senior Center Directors, Western Mass Association of Council on Aging & Greater Springfield Senior Services.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Hampden Cultural Council is responsible for distributing funds allocated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Applications for funds are submitted to the local council in October of each year. The council then meets to consider those requests. The applicants who are rejected are given time to appeal and under the new streamlined granting process; those who are approved are notified by the local council of their approval in December following a brief review by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The actual funds to approved applicants are then available for distribution by the end of January pending budget passage by the state legislature.

Local groups or individuals who would like to request funds can get more information and the grant applications from the Selectman's office. It should be noted that the council gives preference to projects sponsored by town organizations or residents. Due to limited funds, requests are rarely granted in full.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council granted the Hampden Cultural Council our yearly allocation of \$4,000.00. The council has recently made decisions regarding the re-granting of these monies. Projects and activities that have been awarded grants for 2008 include:

- ❖ Field Trip to Sturbridge Village Green Meadows Elementary School Students
- ❖ Birds in their Habitat program at Green Meadows Elementary School
- ❖ Support to The Big Hampden Arts Festival
- ❖ Glenshane Irish Folk Duo at the Hampden Senior Center
- ❖ The Veggie Voyager Returns

We have experienced great pleasure and satisfaction in being able to support these cultural events and hope to continue to support cultural education and enjoyment of town residents of all ages.

We would like to thank Jim McEwan and Hermine Weston for their years of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Rubin, Chair
Glennice Flynn, Secretary
Patricia Ehlers
Marsha Miller-Spinelli
Melissa Pearlman
Jerry Lesniak

HAMPDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2007 the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 71 calls. The breakdown is as follows:

- 2 chimney fire calls
- 7 electrical calls
- 24 false alarm calls
- 10 motor vehicle accident calls
- 7 brush fire calls
- 4 carbon monoxide calls
- 4 propane leak calls
- 2 motor vehicle fire calls
- 4 mutual aid calls
- 4 house fire calls

As always, the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department extends our thanks to the Hampden Police and Highway Departments for their help and support throughout the past year.

If any town resident is interested in joining the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department and is 18 years of age or older, please contact the department at 566.3314.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Peter Hatch
Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 18 brush and forest fires in 2007. Burning season begins January 16, 2008 and extends through May 1, 2008.

- Permits are issued on a daily basis, weather permitting.
- To obtain one, call 566.3314 after 9:00 am.
- Burning hours are from 10:00 am and must be extinguished by 4:00 pm.
- No permits will be issued after 12:00 pm.
- All fires must be attended by the individual issued the permit.
- Brush is defined as trimming with a butt end smaller than one inch.
- The burning of grass, hay, leaves, stumps and building material is prohibited.

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Hatch
Forest Fire Warden

HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT

2007

From the Superintendent

Paul C. Gagliarducci, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Each year as I read the reports from the district administrators I am amazed at the amount of dedicated effort expended daily to support and implement the programs and goals of the regional school district. There is little question that the staff, at all levels, works hard to make each year better than the one before. This year three themes come to mind as I review the reports: accomplishment, achievement, and improvement. There is clear evidence that the students have accomplished much. Whether it is in academic competitions, community service, or performances on stage or the athletic field, Hampden-Wilbraham students have done well. They carry the names of our two towns with great pride and it shows. Dr. Scanlon's report indicates that the students reached high levels on the State mandated MCAS tests. Some of the children's test scores ranked in the top five percent or higher within their grade level across the Commonwealth. Evidence of improvement weaves its way throughout the reports. The district is committed to being better each and every day. Even though we accomplished and achieved much this year, we are always striving to do better.

The year also brought us closer to a resolution of the Minnechaug building project. The moratorium on new construction projects was finally lifted in July. Our request to have Minnechaug accepted for review was included in the initial round of applicants. With direction from the School Building Authority, we have begun to prepare for the next step in the process, although no definite decision has been made. My hope is that next year's annual town report will include a more defined direction for the future of the high school. Bricks and mortar are an important part of the education process. Today's students deserve to learn in an environment that is safe and energy efficient, and one that promotes educational practices that rely on technology, research and instruction to build skills for the new global economy.

Curriculum

Donna Scanlon, Ed.D.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District has a rich and rigorous core curriculum designed to develop the unique talents of each individual student. The curriculum renewal process is ongoing and ensures continuity and consistency in grades PreK-12. The District has established equity in access to high quality curriculum materials and resources in every classroom.

Strengthening the integration of technology into instruction to improve learning is a high priority. The information centers have become the hub of every school, and the level of technology integration across the curriculum has intensified with improvements in staffing, infrastructure, equipment, reliability, and professional development.

The District has maintained a focus on differentiated instruction within the general education program. Differentiated instruction meets the needs of individual learners and provides all students with the appropriate level of challenge and support.

Below are some highlights from across the curriculum areas:

- The reading program incorporates National Reading Panel recommendations which address the five components of literacy learning: vocabulary/oral language comprehension, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, and reading comprehension.
- The writing across the curriculum program remains critical to language development, learning content, and developing thinking skills.
- The mathematics curriculum develops understanding of mathematics concepts through student-centered activities while enhancing skills through meaningful practice.
- The science program helps students to advance scientific reasoning as they investigate and solve complex problems using the tools they need. Standards-based science units are studied in the classroom and, at the elementary level, are enriched through a weekly science lab.
- The history, geography, civics, and economics concepts and skills are addressed through engaging units of study in each grade.
- The arts play a central role in human development for children at all ability levels. Cognitive, language, and social-emotional development are positively impacted by participation in the arts.
- The health and physical education opportunities are an integral part of the total educational process and develop a lifelong physically active lifestyle, as well as respect for self and others, through a safe learning environment.
- The D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officers in both Hampden and Wilbraham have established an important presence in the building which promotes safe schools and aligns with the principles of prevention research.

Also noteworthy is that the District has sought and won significant dollars from the U.S. Department of Education, which have allowed the District to improve emergency response and crisis management and provide education, prevention, and intervention services essential to integrating academic and social learning as a solid foundation for future success.

HWRSD Academic Performance

Donna Scanlon, Ed.D.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development

Since its inception in 1998, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) has increasingly become a major source of information with regard to student achievement, curriculum evaluation, and diagnosis of individual student strengths and weaknesses. Scores are consistently higher than the statewide average, and recent performance was at an all time high in many areas.

Grade/Subject Tested	Percent of Students Scoring <i>Advanced/Proficient</i>					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2007
	HWRSD	HWRSD	HWRSD	HWRSD	HWRSD	STATE

Gr. 3 Reading	87%	77%	80%	80%	77%	59%
Gr. 3 Mathematics				68%	71%	60%
Gr. 4 English Language Arts	64%	75%	62%	59%	71%	56%
Gr. 4 Mathematics	56%	58%	50%	55%	60%	48%
Gr. 5 English Language Arts				69%	75%	63%
Gr. 5 Mathematics				58%	58%	51%
Gr. 5 Science/Engineering	70%	76%	72%	71%	72%	51%
Gr. 6 English Language Arts				83%	81%	67%
Gr. 6 Mathematics	65%	59%	61%	61%	69%	52%
Gr. 7 English Language Arts	77%	83%	77%	77%	86%	69%
Gr. 7 Mathematics				50%	69%	46%
Gr. 8 English Language Arts				90%	88%	75%
Gr. 8 Mathematics	56%	54%	65%	54%	64%	45%
Gr. 8 Science/Engineering	62%	51%	59%	51%	50%	33%
Gr. 10 English Language Arts	77%	75%	86%	88%	88%	71%
Gr. 10 Mathematics	65%	70%	78%	80%	89%	69%
Gr. 10 Biology					55%	42%

It is evident through these results that HWRSD students are learning well. Below are some additional important statistics:

- The percentage of grade 10 students passing the English language arts test was 100%.
- The percentage of grade 10 students scoring at the advanced level in math was 63%.
- The percentage of students scoring at the advanced level in math has steadily increased systemwide over the last five years.
- The failing/warning rates are 10% or lower across the grades in mathematics, with rates 5% or lower in English language arts.
- The inclusion and differentiated instruction efforts are showing positive results. The proficiency index for students with disabilities is higher than ever in most grades.
- The writing across the curriculum goal is also showing positive results, with increases in topic development and open response performance.
- The English language arts composite performance indices, which quantify the degree to which students are reaching proficiency, ranged from 91 to 96 in 2007, versus 85 to 95 in 2006.
- The mathematics composite performance indices ranged from 82 to 95 in 2007, compared to 78 to 91 in 2006.

The District is proud to announce that each year for the last four years 90 or more students were eligible for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, which is a tuition waiver to State colleges and universities for four years. Most recently more than 100 students qualified for this award by scoring in the advanced category in English language arts or mathematics and advanced or proficient in the other subject area on the grade 10 MCAS.

In addition to MCAS performance, HWRSD educators use a range of information to monitor student achievement. One example of the data considered to be relevant is SAT scores. Score trends rather than results from any one year are considered most relevant. The table below provides longitudinal SAT results for students graduating from Minnechaug:

Mean SAT Scores 1997-2007

	Minnechaug HS			State			National		
	Reading	Math	Writing	Reading	Math	Writing	Reading	Math	Writing
1997	534	536	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	505	511	n/a
1998	512	519	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	505	512	n/a
1999	517	523	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	505	511	n/a
2000	506	515	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	505	514	n/a
2001	519	527	n/a	511	515	n/a	506	514	n/a
2002	518	530	n/a	512	516	n/a	504	516	n/a
2003	517	529	n/a	516	522	n/a	507	519	n/a
2004	529	550	n/a	518	523	n/a	508	518	n/a
2005	531	550	n/a	520	527	n/a	508	520	n/a
2006	501	526	509	513	524	510	503	518	497
2007	521	534	522	513	522	511	502	515	494

As a result of teachers, administrators, parents, students and community working together knowledgeably over the long term, the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District enjoys multiple opportunities to celebrate the excellent accomplishments of its students.

Guidance Department

Carolyn Lewis, Director

The graduates of the Class of 2007 at Minnechaug Regional High School represent a group of academically accomplished students. This class had 85% accepted to post-secondary institutions of higher education. Of these students, 68% will enroll in four-year colleges and 17% will attend two-year colleges.

Many of these students have been admitted to highly competitive colleges and universities including: Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Bucknell University, Clemson University, Colby College, College of the Holy Cross, College of William and Mary, Columbia University, Hamilton College, Marist College, Mount Holyoke College, Northwestern University, Simmons College, Stonehill College, Syracuse University and University of Notre Dame.

Green Meadows Elementary School

Deborah Thompson, Principal

Green Meadows continues to grow, with a current enrollment of 378 students in grades preschool to grade 4 and 62 faculty and staff. The additional space provided by the recent construction project has been very beneficial in meeting the diverse needs of the students at the school.

Each year the faculty continues their professional development activities to refine skills and learn new approaches supported by research to ensure students reach their highest level of academic achievement. To support this, the faculty and staff have implemented Responsive Classroom into the daily routine and curriculum, which teaches social skills while reinforcing academic skills.

To foster the sense of community, Green Meadows School celebrates several all-school assemblies. During assemblies each grade level participates through songs, poems and speakers sharing information on the particular theme. Having all members of the school community come together to celebrate allows children to practice listening and speaking skills and to participate in the various community service projects Green Meadows School sponsors throughout the year. Last year the school supported the Community Survival Center, the Giving Tree, and Camp Sunshine, among others.

The active Hampden PTO, Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS), and many volunteers and parents make Green Meadows Elementary School a wonderful place to learn.

Memorial Elementary School

Marguerite Myers-Killeen, Principal

Memorial Elementary School is a learning community of 330 students in grades two through six, and 50 staff members. Everyone is encouraged daily to be responsible to do his/her best to make Memorial an optimal learning and working environment.

The school improvement plan had major three goals: 1) Improve the number of students achieving a score of Proficient or Advanced by 5% at each grade level in MCAS scores in mathematics; 2) Increase students' knowledge base in working with a variety of genres in English language arts; and 3) Continue to increase the ability of teachers to meet the academic and social needs of all learners through increased knowledge of Differentiated Instruction and Responsive Classroom strategies and concepts.

Memorial's MCAS scores showed strong improvement from the previous year's test scores with the best results ever for its students. The staff spends a significant amount of time analyzing prior test results to develop specific action plans to address areas where students exhibit difficulty. One very noteworthy result last year was that the fifth grade science MCAS scores were the 17th highest in the State.

Memorial School has a very dedicated group of parents who serve in a variety of ways, including volunteering in the classrooms and fundraising activities. The PTO members plan events and raise money to provide special programs and opportunities for the students. The school proudly hosted its first ever Grandparents' Day and also supported the Community Survival Center throughout the year as an example of stressing the value of kindness.

Mile Tree Elementary School

Rosemary Brosnan, Principal

Mile Tree School is a dynamic, child-centered learning environment where all students are given opportunities to learn and grow cognitively, physically and socially and to develop skills essential for their future success in school and society. Mile Tree has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals

The school's mission statement, "*All children can and will learn well*", focused its three improvement goals: 1) Develop proficient readers, 2) Increase the capacity to respond to individual student needs and 3) Foster a sense of personal and social responsibility.

In addition, Mile Tree School has four core values: honesty, respect, responsibility and good manners. To further extend the core values, the dedicated staff is learning the philosophy and techniques of the Responsive Classroom approach of practical strategies for bringing together social and academic learning throughout the school day.

Mile Tree School has an extremely supportive parent base. Its active PTO's fundraising efforts provided enrichment assemblies and school spirit activities throughout the year and purchased computers, software, a SmartBoard and projector for the multi-purpose media center.

Soule Road School

Mary T. Goodwin, Principal

Soule Road Elementary School continues to provide a rich and challenging educational environment to over 350 students in grades 2 through 6. The recent academic goals focused on three specific areas: 1) Continue Writing Across the Curriculum, 2) Expand Differentiated Instruction techniques, and 3) Improve mathematic instruction. To support these goals, teams of teachers analyze MCAS scores and research best practices, instructional strategies and materials, and a variety of learning opportunities.

Through the generosity of parents' fundraising efforts and the guidance and expertise of the Soule Road Technology Committee, the school proudly opened a new 30-station computer lab. This critical addition offers students and staff the opportunity to enhance learning and instruction with web-based activities and resources.

The active Soule Road PTO enriches the students through a variety of school activities by volunteering in the school and sponsoring successful fundraising events. Through their generosity, the school welcomed two special "Artists-in-Residence," the Tiger "Bullying" Program and field trips for each grade level throughout the year. Souleto once again offered students the opportunity to showcase their artistic and creative talents. Other engaging programs offered to students included participating in the Read Across America event and singing in the first district-wide choral event at Symphony Hall.

Soule Road is a school community where students, families and staff work collaboratively to create an environment so that all students can thrive and achieve to the best of their abilities.

Stony Hill Elementary School

Sherrill Caruana, Principal as of 8-1-07
Becky DeSmith, Principal through 8-17-07

Stony Hill Elementary Schools has an enrollment of 328 students in grades 2 through 6, and a dedicated staff of 53.

The School Improvement Plan, created by a collaborative effort from the staff, principal, and School Council, has three main goals: 1) Boost math achievement, 2) Increase the sense of community and connectedness of students and staff by implementing the Responsive Classroom program, and 3) Continue to promote safety in the school community.

Stony Hill's educational climate comes from the effort that staff, students and parents expend in meeting these goals. The climate is equally influenced by the enrichment opportunities provided to students and the community. Stony Hill hosted a celebration of Wilbraham senior citizens at its annual holiday breakfast, worked with Country Bank on a banking program for all students and offered enrichment courses in Accelerated Math and Chess Club. The students were also provided an opportunity to work on the school newspaper, The Tiger Times. Stony Hill Elementary School proudly celebrated its 50th anniversary with various festivities at Fountain Park honoring its learning community through games, music, food and fun.

The school enjoys the wonderful efforts and support of their PTO and School Council as it continues to enhance education for all its students and the community.

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School

Noel Pixley, Principal

The School Improvement Plan at Thornton W. Burgess Middle School focused on four strategic goals: 1) Improve students' level of writing, 2) Improve students' math learning and performance at all grade levels, 3) Promote the use of technology by fostering a climate conducive to the physical and educational needs of students and staff, and 4) Meet the needs of diverse learners.

For the writing goal, staff members continued to support the implementation of the Collins Writing Program at each grade level and in all content and related arts subjects. Instruction focused on the five types of writing and ensured incorporation of grade level Focus Correction Areas (FCA's). Professional development took place throughout the school year in order to reinforce the Writing Across the Curriculum goal. Another important action step dealt with MCAS results. The analysis of MCAS data was another means used in gaining insight to students' strengths and weaknesses. This information then assisted teachers in their planning to meet the instructional needs of students.

Supporting students in mathematics was accomplished by offering a variety of supplemental materials, experiences and support. Title I services were offered at the 5th and 6th grade levels, as well as Accelerated Math after-school support. At the 7th and 8th grade levels, students were involved in Math Exploratory courses, which offer further reinforcement of mathematic skills and problem solving. Additionally, students who scored in the "Needs Improvement" category

on MCAS math were scheduled for a remediation class, and all grade levels incorporated the Math's Mate skills review on a weekly basis.

To promote technology, the Information Specialist held mini workshops for teachers in the areas of Power Point presentations, SmartBoard operations, Grade Quick and online applications. Teachers were also supported by the Information Specialist and the Tech Support team in using the computer, creating spreadsheets, making PowerPoint presentations, demonstrating how hypermedia is an extension to hypertext that supports linking graphics, sound, and video elements in addition to text elements, and trouble shooting computer difficulties. A team of teachers explored the advantages of offering EdLine to students and parents. EdLine is a computer based tool that allows parents and students to check homework assignments and grades online and communicate effectively with the school.

The mini computer lab had new furniture installed to better manage the equipment in that facility. Memory upgrades were completed and Windows XP Pro was installed on all 25 computers. The WAN line was upgraded from 1 MB to 2 MB thereby doubling the internet speed capabilities. Also, 25 new computers were purchased and installed throughout various classrooms within the school. Teachers were able to replace old and broken equipment with new state of the art technology.

To help diverse learners, the administration and faculty participated in workshops that featured strategies for differentiated instruction. Participants learned how to engage and support struggling learners while challenging advanced learners. Various differentiation strategies were discussed as a means to reach all students.

Throughout the year the school made great strides in offering inclusion settings to students who had previously remained in self-contained programs. Many of the 7th and 8th grade students who had been enrolled in the "Advantage Program" were mainstreamed in a variety of academic courses. The plan is to continue to move students toward a full inclusion model and eventually eliminate pull-out programs. This vision is in accordance with the Student Service Department as they strive to move toward a more inclusive program for all students within the district.

Teachers also spent several days in professional development training related to Student/Teacher Assistance Teams (STAT). Through the STAT referral process, trained staff looks closely at the District Curriculum Accommodation Plan (DCAP) and suggests a variety of intervention services for students who are demonstrating difficulty in academic, social or emotional realms.

Beyond the goals of the School Improvement Plan, the faculty and staff of Thornton W. Burgess Middle School continued to promote a positive and safe school climate. Character education was taught through advisory class, and a variety of safety initiatives took place throughout the school year.

Wilbraham Middle School

Stephen Hale, Principal

Wilbraham Middle School serves 425 students in grades seven and eight. The young adolescent learners benefit from the school's committed staff, dedicated PTO, and caring community as they all work together to support the students' academic, social, and emotional needs.

The School Council outlined three School Improvement Plan goals inspired by the school's mission statement, while striving to meet the greater community's expectations. The plan's goals ensure that the education environment is a place where all students thrive and achieve to the best of their abilities: 1) Increase the school's capacity to meet the individual math learning needs of diverse student learners, 2) Improve the science program by incorporating analysis of MCAS results and introducing grade level formal assessments which align with the Massachusetts State Frameworks and the HWRSD Science Curriculum Maps, and 3) Develop the sense of community, collaboration, and consistency within the school while maintaining individual team spirit and fostering a whole school awareness and appreciation beyond the four academic teams.

During the year the Student Council coordinated the annual "Spirit Week" where the outdoor "Pep Rally" was the highlight of the week; International Week was sponsored by the PTO in conjunction with the Foreign Language Department with different activities taking place throughout the school including announcements being made in other languages, cultural music being played over the loud speaker and foods from different cultures being sampled during lunch; there was an art show highlighting student talents; and the school held its first talent show in many years where both faculty and students combined to create a fun and family centered event.

In addition, with the coordinated efforts of the Student Council, student "Copy Cats Club", and the HWRSD Facilities Department, the school has a new permanent home for the school store, "Eagle's Nest", where students can purchase school supplies and Wilbraham Middle School apparel.

Wilbraham Middle School is pleased to be part of a community in which local support, grant funding, and the efforts of its PTO help to create lifelong educational experiences for all students.

Minnechaug Regional High School

M. Martin O'Shea, Principal

From Principal M. Martin O'Shea: Minnechaug Regional High School continues to excel in the academic, social, and physical education of its students. The faculty and administration remain firmly committed to the school's mission of "striving to prepare students to be responsible, creative, and productive world citizens who can live and work in a global society." The major goals of the School Improvement Plan developed by the School Council are 1) To use technology tools to improve organizational productivity and efficiency, teaching and learning; 2) To develop a new mission statement and a revised set of expectations for student learning in order to prepare for NEASC reaccreditation; and 3) To further develop a professional learning community at Minnechaug that is based on collaborative and professional inquiry and that works to sustain past improvement initiatives and explores best educational practice.

The following reports from the various departments highlight just some of the many commendable educational activities at the high school.

The **English Department** offered skills-based courses freshman and sophomore year and a broad range of courses for juniors and seniors. The MCAS scores are exceptional with a passing rate of 100%. Three students who submitted their work to the National Council of Teachers of English won awards; six students won Gold awards from the prestigious Scholastic Writing Awards; and the Emeralds Literary Magazine and Smoke Signal newspaper both won national awards.

The **Family and Consumer Science Department** continues to support the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to make students productive citizens of the Minnechaug community. Wilbraham Cable Access continues to showcase videos created by the Principles of Baking classes. The Culinary Arts classes and the Principles of Baking classes hosted a luncheon for senior citizens of Hampden and Wilbraham. Most of the students enrolled in Child Study III plan to continue their education in early childhood/elementary education, speech and language pathology, pediatric nursing, or psychology.

The **Fine Arts Department** continued to gain much recognition both locally and state wide. Choirs and bands performed regularly for local civic organizations, fulfilling the MRHS ethic of service to the community. Music and art students were nominated for and heavily involved with the Western District, Quabbin Valley, All-State Music Festivals, and The Springfield Republican Newspaper “Talented Teens in the Arts” program. Art students also received nominations for The Boston Globe Scholastic Art Award and Art All-State.

The **Foreign Language Department** had a very exciting and successful year filled with a great variety of activities and events. For the first time in many years the department sponsored a school-wide Foreign Language Week, which included morning announcements made in many languages, daily trivia contests, food sharing of international recipes between classes, display of international flags in the hallway, presentation of books and brochures in the library, and a showcase of items from around the world in the display cases.

The **Guidance Department** continues to offer a variety of programs to serve students and parents. Some of the services are: a guidance brochure, a welcome call to the homes of all freshmen, a workshop on writing college essays, a college financial aid night, a college night for juniors and parents, a follow-up program for seniors and parents, an orientation program for eighth grade students and parents, a reception for transfer students, a college night for middle school parents, a practice test for the SAT Reasoning test, and an ACT test-taking strategy workshop. In addition, the SAT Reasoning and Subject tests, the ACT, PSAT, ASVAB and AP exams are all administered at Minnechaug. The Internship program for seniors continues to grow, and the Tech Prep program has expanded.

The **History and Social Science Department** was active throughout the year with its display case, guest speakers, and implementation of new courses. Students were involved in an after-school history club, Model UN, Model Congress, Mock Law and the first annual National History Day Competition. Department members successfully worked on integrating new technology, including SmartBoards, LCD projectors and United Streaming, into their classes.

Throughout the year, Minnechaug's **Interscholastic Athletes** competed and excelled in 30 athletic offerings. Well over 1,200 participants enjoyed the interscholastic athletic experience, and academic excellence continued to accompany athletic success. Sportsmanship and a winning tradition were at the core of Minnechaug's comprehensive, well-respected, and successful program.

The **Mathematics Department** remains active with curriculum revisions throughout the year. A considerable focus continues to be the issues that students face in the transition from middle school to high school. Through the collection of TI graphing calculator proofs-of-purchase, the department was able to obtain a CBR motion detector and related activity booklet. This unit enables students to explore the mathematical relationships between distance, velocity, acceleration and time, using data collected from activities they perform. Through an anonymous donation made through the Wilbraham Hampden Academic Trust, the department purchased SmartBoards and NEC ceiling-mounted projectors, which were installed in two classrooms. Four copies of TI-SmartView Emulator Software that "complements classroom calculator use by displaying an interactive representation of the calculator on the SmartBoard" were also purchased.

The Media Center saw big changes with the addition of two new computer labs. Each lab consists of 25 computers and a SmartBoard, which is an interactive white board that allows one to control the computer from the board. These labs have been in non-stop use since they opened and provide teachers and students with much needed new lab space and powerful new instructional tools.

The **Physical Education/Health Department** continued to work diligently to update and implement health curriculum guides and manuals for a consistent health program that meets the Massachusetts Health Frameworks. Guest speakers augmented classroom instruction that covered a variety of health related topics. The department also utilized a new weight facility that now includes treadmills, elliptical machines and exercise bikes.

The **Science Department** continues to refine curriculum in preparation for the MCAS Biology test, which the Class of 2010 will be required to pass to receive a diploma. Students interested in scientific research have been working in collaboration with faculty from the University of Massachusetts on three endeavors. Two projects are based in physics and heavily involve mathematic principles behind scientific observations, and the third project is investigating the environmental effects of the antibacterial agent Triclosan.

Student Activities has almost 50 co-curricular student activity programs with 1,200 participants gaining experience in fundraising and academic competitions with state and national awards. Students donated over \$7,500 to local and national charities, provided over 4,000 hours of community service, held numerous food and clothing drives, provided hundreds of hours of tutoring, and gave over \$4,000 in scholarships.

The **Technical Education, Computers and Business Department** continued to present a diverse offering of technical, applied and fine art classes at many levels in many subject areas. These departments, with their wide-ranging interdisciplinary approach, are in the unique position

of being able to assist students in all areas of the Massachusetts State Frameworks. With obvious strengths in critical thinking, problem solving, and the design process, the applied technology classes continue to thrive and play a large part in the “greater good” of the student population.

Student Services

Thomas Philpott, Director

The Student Services Department is responsible for the coordination of special education services, such as specialized instruction and speech and occupational and physical therapies, with the general education program in each of the District’s eight schools. The department also provides services to support students in the English Language Learners (ELL) program.

The District is committed to providing a full range of interventions for students who show signs of academic difficulty. Initial interventions begin with general education teachers who are committed to the development of instructional accommodations that will assist students with diversified learning styles. Each school has its own Student/Teacher Assistance Team (S/TAT) that is comprised of building professionals dedicated to enhancing the effectiveness of the learning process for each student. A centralized Critical Case Review Team has been developed, primarily through the support of federal and state grants, to expand the resources made available to schools whenever necessary. In the event that prior interventions have not resulted in the anticipated improvements in the student educational program, the S/TAT will make a referral for a special education evaluation to determine if there is any indication of some form of learning disability undermining the student’s ability to make effective academic progress. If needed, specialized instruction is recommended that will close the learning gap between the student and his or her classmates.

Technology has an ever increasing role in the instruction of special needs students. Both low and high tech strategies have been employed to help level the playing field of education for disabled students. The technology lab at Thornton W. Burgess Middle School is a resource for teachers seeking to learn software programs to develop new pathways to learning for their students.

Student Services employs an online computerized individual educational program that captures essential information pertaining to special education. Referrals, evaluations, and active student counts are immediately available for state or local needs. Special education teachers can send relevant information electronically to the central office which facilitates regular administrative review of data to monitor compliance with special education mandates.

School Nurses

Poppy Nelson, BA, RN, BSN, NCSN
Nurse Leader

School nurses had another busy year caring for the students and staff of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District. First aid was given to 13,647 students, 15,300 illness assessments were completed, 12,450 student medications were administered, 6,260 parent phone calls and meetings were held (excluding 504 and IEP meetings), and 2,040 nursing procedures

were done. They also had 1,034 staff visits in the health clinics. Overall, there were more than 40,000 requests for medical care from the school nurses

School nurses again partnered with Springfield College health education students to provide health teaching, including a bike safety program and a health fair for students. The nurses at Minnechaug, Thornton Burgess, and Mile Tree enjoyed mentoring Elms College nursing students as they helped with patient care in the clinics and taught some health classes.

All of the nurses were trained in Incident Command System 100 and the National Incident Management System through FEMA's Emergency Management Institute. Several nurses have also become actively involved with the newly formed Wilbraham Medical Reserve Corps.

The school nurses thank the members of the Wilbraham Women's Club for volunteering many hours to test the hearing and vision of hundreds of children in pre-school, Kindergarten, and tenth grade.

Adult Community Education and Recreation

Ned Doyle, Director

The Adult Community Education and Recreation Program, "New Beginnings," provided diverse enrichment opportunities for all age groups in the community. Over 2,000 participants enjoyed the spring, summer, and fall offerings. The "Summer Programs 'R' You," serving the youth of the community, was the most popular program.

School Councils

The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District wishes to acknowledge the effectiveness of the School Councils and to thank them for volunteering their personal time to pursue a commitment to the education of young people. We would also like the community to recognize the services rendered by these parents and citizens. The School Councils for the 2006-2007 school year were:

Mile Tree Elementary School	Green Meadows Elementary School
Rosemary Brosnan, Principal	Deborah Thompson, Principal
Kurt Anderson	Bob Bardwell
Karen Anti	Lena Buteau
Patricia Colkos	Ellen Collins
Ginny McKeon	Carol Fitzgerald
Kristina Stone	Becky Orr
Doris Sullivan	Warren Schoonover
	Laurie Sullivan
Memorial Elementary School	Soule Road Elementary School
Marguerite Myers-Killeen, Principal	Mary Goodwin, Principal
Jessica Carroll	Maureen Burke
Denise Fisher	Chris Hakala
Liane Kendall	Juli Kibbe
Bill Lachenmeyer	Rebecca Lefort

Rachel Lyons	Jill Pszeniczny
Peggy McNeff	Ellen Schmutte
Nancy Piccin	
Stony Hill Elementary School	Thornton W. Burgess Middle School
Rebecca DeSmith, Principal	Noel Pixley, Principal
Lori Berg	Ingrid Apgar
Stacy Gilmour	Sara Bandoski
Mary Beth Laliberte	Phyllis Hulstrom
Michele Mistalski	Catherine Mahoney
Laura Murphy	Kellie Moriarty
Kathy Reid	Deanna Murdza
Tracey Sugermeyer	Susan Sawyer
	Barbara Schopp
	Mark Taylor
Wilbraham Middle School	Minnechaug Regional High School
Stephen Hale, Principal	M. Martin O'Shea, Principal
Carole Alderman	Patricia Casey
Scott Berg	John Costello 09
Mary Cieplik	Stephanie Dunaj 07
Daniel Handzel	Patricia Gordon
Judi LaBranche	M. Ben Hogan
Darlene Maconi	Clifton Johnson
Abdoulaye Ngom	Gary Manuel
Mary Pajak	Patrick Moriarty
	Judy Moylan
	Maeve Moylan 10
	Tom Petzold 08
	Linda Pickreign
	Jane Robinson
	Georgina Trebbe

Retirements during the 2006-2007 School Year

Mary Louise Brewer	Minnechaug Regional High School
Rebecca S. DeSmith	Stony Hill Elementary School
Virginia M. DuBord	Memorial Elementary School
Mary E. King	Stony Hill Elementary School
Robert Kirschling	Minnechaug Regional High School
Juhan Laurits	Thornton W. Burgess Middle School
Janina Luczek	Memorial Elementary School
Hans Mentzen	Wilbraham Middle School
Kenneth A. Peterson	Thornton W. Burgess Middle School
Constance J. Shea	Minnechaug Regional High School
Carol A. Sibilia	Minnechaug Regional High School
Christine M. Wrona	Minnechaug Regional High School

Five-Year Enrollment History

Grade	2002 - 2003			2003 - 2004			2004- 2005			2005- 2006			2006- 2007		
	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T	H	W	T
K	59	179	238	58	161	219	64	165	229	70	181	251	69	134	203
P-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	65	192	257	65	180	245	61	168	229	64	173	237	70	181	251
2	71	201	272	62	191	253	74	177	251	63	174	237	61	187	248
3	58	197	255	66	202	268	62	193	255	74	188	262	73	180	253
4	68	184	252	71	209	280	66	211	277	64	198	262	71	194	265
5	64	205	269	61	200	261	75	213	288	71	213	284	63	205	268
6	93	232	325	68	205	273	67	205	272	75	213	288	67	212	279
7	83	217	300	66	219	286	72	205	277	60	205	265	71	211	282
8	79	251	330	95	232	326	70	219	289	73	211	284	66	214	280
9	96	233	329	81	257	338	105	258	363	78	220	298	80	216	296
10	88	240	328	86	254	340	76	235	311	93	250	343	73	202	275
11	59	207	266	79	224	303	79	240	319	72	219	291	89	234	323
12	79	218	297	81	222	303	79	223	302	78	245	323	71	220	291
Other			72			79			75			78			67
TOTAL	962	2756	3790	939	2756	3774	950	2712	3737	935	2690	3703	924	2590	3581

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District School Committee

Scott R. Chapman, Chairperson
William Bickley, Jr.
Marianne Desmond
D. John McCarthy
Lisa Morace
Peter T. Salerno
Gilles Turcotte

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Directory Of Schools

Green Meadows Elementary School (Grades Pre K – 4)

Deborah Thompson, Principal
38 North Road, Hampden, MA 01036 – (413) 566-3263
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Mile Tree Elementary School (Grades Pre K – 1)

Rosemary Brosnan, Principal
625 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-6921
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Memorial Elementary School (Grades 2 – 6)

Marguerite Myers-Killeen, Principal
310 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-6821
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Soule Road Elementary School (Grades 2 – 6)

Mary Goodwin, Principal
300 Soule Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-9311
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Stony Hill School (Grades 2 – 6)

Sherrill Caruana, Principal as of 8/1/07
675 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 599-1950
School Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Thornton W. Burgess Middle School (Grades 5 – 8)

Noel Pixley, Principal
85 Wilbraham Road, Hampden, MA 01036 – (413) 566-8950
School Hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wilbraham Middle School (Grades 7 – 8)

Stephen Hale, Principal
466 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-9061
School Hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Minnechaug Regional High School (Grades 9 –12)

M. Martin O'Shea, Principal
621 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-9011
School Hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.

Superintendent's Office

Paul C. Gagliarducci, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
621 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 – (413) 596-3884
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The year 2007 was an unprecedented year for the Highway Department. It was a year in which more money was spent on infrastructure improvements than any year in the town's history. This was the result of a combination of events. First, an article at the Special Town Meeting in 2006 approved \$70,000 for repairs to South Ridge Road. Second, State-Aid was fully funded for the 2007 construction season at \$197,284. Third, supplemental funding was received from the State, which in combination with an unexpended available balance from a previous contract provided an additional \$172,156. Fourth, following the Annual Town Meeting, the passage of a 1.5 Million-Dollar Bond for infrastructure improvements was approved. Of the 1.5M, \$328,700 was expended. Last, there was \$23,350 available in the local budget. The combination of these funds totaled \$768,140. The work completed with these funds is listed below. Due to the number of projects completed this season, a complete description of construction activities that pertain to them would make this report too lengthy. Therefore, the descriptions will be brief. However, should anyone be interested in any additional information, please feel free to contact me at any time.

With the above described funding, Ames Road and Rock-a-Dundee Road were resurfaced. South Ridge Road had the entire drainage system rebuilt, the road surface was milled, sections of berms replaced and the road repaved. Hickory Lane Extension had a drainage system replaced and was paved. Ridge Road had the entire drainage system rebuilt; the road surface was reclaimed and was repaved completely with berms. East Longmeadow Road was reconstructed and paved completely from the Town Line, easterly, for 7/10 of a mile. Somers Road was reconstructed and paved completely from the State Line, northerly, for 1.5 miles. Hickory Lane, Old Coach Road and Old Coach Circle were repaved. A 1,200-foot section of Glendale Road was repaved. All the above projects included driveway adjustments, shoulder restoration and lawn repairs.

Some minor projects were completed within the budget. An additional 250-feet of sub-drainage was added to Main Street. A culvert was replaced on Old Coach Road and catch basins that began to collapse were rebuilt on Wilbraham Road and Sessions Drive. A drainage project on Mountain Road consisted of 1,350-feet, complete with catch basins. This project was done cooperatively with a resident in the area to improve conditions there.

Maintenance projects such as street sweeping, patching and trimming roads of brush, along with the repairs and maintenance of our equipment were again completed. Catch basin cleaning and the cleaning of ditches were also done on a limited basis due to increased rental and disposal costs.

There were 13 winter storms in 2007. As in past years, the members of the Highway Department worked long hours to clear the roads and make them safe for traffic. I would like to thank the members of the Highway Department; Patrick Markham, Robert Richards and John Ouellette, and a new member, Lauren Comstock, along with all the supplemental workers that are used on a regular basis for their service, support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted:

Dana S. Pixley, Highway Superintendent

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The purpose of the Historical Commission is to plan and implement programs for identifying, evaluating and protecting our Town's historic resources. We work with other Town boards and commissions to achieve our goals. We are responsible for commenting on environmental issues at the local level and are mandated to alert State and Federal agencies to local preservation issues.

We are continuing work on our Town wide survey. The Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) will publish the survey when it is completed. It will be available for use by Town Boards and Commissions and any interested town resident. Part of our agreement with MHC is to use local media to raise awareness of our rich architectural heritage and Connie Witt has been writing a series of articles on historic houses, barns and other elements of the built environment for the *Wilbraham-Hampden Times*.

This year we added three new Commission members. They are Sally Bryce, Tom Foster and Al Perusse. They have all jumped right in and are writing short histories of houses included in the survey. There are around 400 houses included in the survey so this should keep us busy for a while. We are delighted that we finally have a member from the West Side of town. After all, the West Side has as interesting and varied architectural history as the Village!

Melissa Lail -Trecker has resigned from the Commission. She served the Commission well and her insight and intelligence are greatly appreciated.

Our concerns are not just old buildings and archeological sites. We are also concerned with preserving what little remains of our rural heritage through preservation of farmlands, scenic roads, conservation and smart growth.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Chapin Witt, Chairman
Sally Bryce
Chrissy Cesan
Tom Foster
Al Perusse

HAMPDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Hampden Housing Authority meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Community Building at 26 Springmeadow Lane. Meetings are posted with the Town Clerk and are open to the public.

The Housing Authority Board consists of five members. Four are elected by the town's election process, and one is appointed by the Governor. The four elected members are as follows: Miles Hapgood, George Stone, Cecilia Melville and Kathleen Flynn. The Governor's appointee is Benjamin Bump. The Housing Authority employs three staff members. Our Executive Director is Christine Evans; Maintenance Manager, Jim McQuillan, and Maintenance Assistant John Piechota.

It is the mission and responsibility of the Hampden Housing Authority under Massachusetts General Law to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing at an affordable rent. Rentals are based on 30% of net income as determined by HUD guidelines. Maximum contract rents are adjusted annually and are currently set as follows: 1 bedroom - \$544; 2 bedrooms - \$621.

All eligibility and occupancy standards are in keeping with the established guidelines and regulations established by HUD and the Department of Housing & Community Development. All procedures and records of the Hampden Housing Authority are subject to review by the Office of the State Auditor.

We extend our sincerest thanks to the Town of Hampden's Highway, Police and Fire Departments for their continued cooperative efforts to ensure the safety of the residents of Centennial Commons.

Applications for our housing program are available at the Hampden Housing Authority office at Centennial Commons OR by calling 566.8157. Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 – 3:00 and Friday mornings from 8:00 – 12:00 noon. We are closed on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Evans
Executive Director/
Secretary to the Board

HAMPDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Since the Hampden Free Public Library reopened July 1, 2006 the collection has undergone many changes. The collection has been weeded and many new items have replaced the outdated ones. Over 29,900 items are now in the catalog and available for circulation. In addition to our own collection, since reopening, the library has become a circulating member of CWMARS. This means that patrons can borrow our own items, but they also have access to the collections of over 140 public libraries in the central and western part of Massachusetts. Items can be requested from the Hampden Library or from your home computer with just a click of the mouse. And, items can be delivered right to the Hampden Public Library for convenient pickup.

New library cards have been issued and there are currently 2,167 active Hampden patrons. The Hampden CWMARS library card can be used by patrons in any of the public libraries from Worcester to the Berkshires.

Children's services have always been an important part of the Hampden Free Public Library's missions. Under the direction of Christina Fairman, youth services librarian, children's programming and outreach at Hampden Library during 2007 focused on refining existing programs and resources while also adding new services to benefit the community.

Based on patrons' requests, the collection development emphasized three key areas: books for emerging readers, picture books with specific themes and illustrators, and graphic novels and *manga* for middle and high school students.

Programming has been equally dynamic and responsive to the needs of the community. On average, 10 children attended each bi-weekly story times for children ages 3 – 8. Themes included lions, Dr. Seuss, the environment, mice, growing seeds, paper airplanes, various holidays and a guest reading by Dan Cantin, Hampden Postmaster. All story times were followed by a unique craft activity that highlighted key themes of the readings while encouraging children to develop age-appropriate developmental skills (i.e. letter and shape recognition, colors, spelling, comprehension, independent expression and group participation).

A highlight of 2007 was Summer Programming, the theme of which was "Catch the Beat @ Hampden Library." Beginning on June 19, participants recorded their reading achievements on charts supplied by the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System. Children in Kindergarten through Grade 4 counted the number of books read, while older children tallied total minutes read per day. Each time a child reached a pre-established benchmark, an incentive prize was awarded. 117 children, ages 6 months to high school, participated in this reading program.

Programming over the summer included story times for infants and toddlers, Spinning Bee Frisbee Show, “Learn to Play the Recorder Flute”, Springfield Symphony Orchestra Musical Petting Zoo, “Tattle Tunes” performance by Mary Jo Maichack, and a Final Party for approximately 90 –100 children.

Three other offerings in 2007 brought excitement to the library. In February, a series of events under the banner of “Beat the Winter Blues at Hampden Library” featured a Valentine’s Day story time, a workshop with Springfield artist Barbara Fitzgerald entitled “Decorate Your Own Pillowcase” and a drop-in jewelry making workshop and board games during school vacation. On August 8, WGBY-Springfield (PBS) sponsored a free program and approximately 65 children listened to a reading of a Curious George story, completed a craft and then met Curious George himself. Finally, approximately 90 children of all ages attended the 2007 Holiday Party on December 15, sponsored by Friends of Hampden Public Library.

For adults, the monthly meetings of the Adult Book Discussion group led to lively discourse and the Adult Summer Reading Program kept them busy reading and reviewing books. In September, there was a concert of Celtic music and local author Suzanne Strempek Shea delivered a talk about her book, Notes From a Lead-Lined Room.

The operating budget for fiscal year 2007 was \$80,732: \$56,908 for salaries, \$17,154 for library materials and \$6,670 for other operating expenses. Since the town appropriated only \$75,000 we relied upon the generosity of the Friends of the Library, interest from the library trust funds, and the library’s Municipal Equalization Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to meet our expenses. We are especially grateful to the very dynamic group of Friends who work so hard and with such dedication to insure that the town never faces a library closure again.

In June 2007, a fund was established with the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts to preserve the long-term financial stability of the Hampden Free Public Library. Charitable contributions and gifts can be made to the fund in a variety of ways including donations involving real estate or personal property, appreciated stock, mutual fund shares, or closely held stock, bequests through estate planning and even charitable gift annuities and remainder trusts. The fund is managed by trusted professional financial experts to ensure the proceeds will be there to benefit the library in the future.

We could not have served our public successfully without the efforts of a dedicated staff: Cindy Rowley, Technical Services Librarian, Christina Fairman, Youth Services Librarian and our pages, James Nietupski and Lauren McBride. Former page, Marissa Garbecki, is using her skills in the college library where

she is now a freshman. We extend thanks to Carol Scheier, who started as our director in July 2006. Carol submitted her resignation in December 2007. Ellen Bump has been hired as acting director until June 30, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Burger, Chairperson, Kathy Hutchison, and Ray Andree

LIBRARY HOURS

TUESDAY	1:00 – 8:00
WEDNESDAY	10:00 – 5:00
THURSDAY	1:00 – 8:00
SATURDAY	9:00 – 1:00

Closed Mondays, Fridays and Sundays.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Department has faced another very challenging year. The board actively meets two times per month with minutes being posted electronically. It is a priority with the board to keep the community well informed of all activities and events. This is done by utilizing the Tuesday and Wednesday envelopes sent home through the schools, postings on the community bulletin board, and articles in the local newspapers. The Parks and Recreation Board is currently working on a web site. We are also authorized users of the Hampden community notification system.

The Parks and Recreation Department offers soccer, basketball, baseball and softball programs. Each program covers a wide array of age and skill appropriate programs. All sporting experiences are aimed at developing sportsmanship and skills in a positive, nurturing atmosphere. The assistance of a very strong and capable volunteer base has been a great help. The various sports coordinators, coaches and the RAH board has made it possible for the continuance of these youth programs.

The spray park was opened and turned over to the Parks and Recreation Department during June of this year. The Memorial Park Project, headed by Sue Rauscher, Beth DeSousa, Carolyn Brennan and Mark Feeney, is responsible for this remarkable accomplishment. Their vision, dedication and hard work provided the town with a recreation area that has proven to be extremely popular. The board extends our thanks to the project members. The spray park has presented the board with a variety of challenges. We are confident that we will be able to adapt our policies to meet these challenges.

The Summer Activities Program experienced another great season with five theme weeks that provided campers with many fun filled and exciting experiences. The enrollment increased this year due to the installation of the spray park. The camp provided the children who attended with a memorable summer filled with great activities and interesting guests. The Commissioners would, as always, like to thank the wonderful staff from the 2007 summer camp program, particularly Kara Vicalvi. Kara served as Camp Director for the past three summers. Her motivation and organizational skills were instrumental in the success of the program. The dedication, enthusiasm and hard work shown by our town's young people, who worked as counselors and CIT's, ensured that the summer program was a success. We are looking forward to working with many of them again next year.

The board has continued to hold movie nights. These events are held periodically throughout the fall and winter months. Movie nights are well attended and enjoyed by many families.

For the first time in several years, the board remained intact and Deb House has remained our clerk. Without her hard work and dedication we would not be able to accomplish our mission. Dana Pixley and his Highway Department staff have always been a great help to our department; this year was no exception. The wonderful staff at Town Hall also deserves our thanks and appreciation.

All of our town sports programs are run in conjunction with the Recreation Association of Hampden, (RAH). RAH's committed volunteers help to organize and monitor all of our sports programs. Their contributions are integral to the growth of youth sports in Hampden and we are grateful for their involvement.

Respectfully submitted:

Chris McDonald, Chairman
Larry Forrest
Mark Goossens
Huck House
Bob White

Deb House, Clerk

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee met five times during the year. The committee's primary responsibility is to advise the Selectmen on personnel matters.

During the year the committee, at the request of two department heads, reviewed the classification of two positions. After a thorough examination of the material submitted by the department heads the Personnel Committee recommended that the Selectmen maintain the current classification for both positions.

The Committee also, at the request of the Selectmen, reviewed the provision for holiday compensation in the town handbook. An addition was added to the handbook to clarify that part time employees receive holiday compensation in proportion to their normal hours worked.

Finally, the committee met with the Selectmen to discuss the present town system for step and merit raises. After much discussion the committee agreed to study the current system and to report back to the Selectmen on a recommended revised system for the future.

Respectfully submitted:

Donald Collins, Chairman
Thomas Argenio
Richard Ayers
Carol Fitzgerald
William Gouzounis

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

There were no new subdivision plans submitted to the Planning Board in 2007. The Board administered one active subdivision approved in 2004, Scantic Meadows. The Tall Pines PURD, approved in 2005, received its approvals from the State and began sales in 2007.

The Board proposed changes to the Zoning By-Law at the Annual Town Meeting as a result of the work of the Smart Growth subcommittee. The first, clarifying regulations in the Ridgeline and Hillside Districts, was rejected at Town Meeting. The second, increasing developer incentives for Flexible Residential Open Space Developments (FROSD), was approved. Given current uncertainties in the housing market, it may be some time before we see if these changes have an effect on FROSD applications.

It should be noted that the Planning Board has been short one member for some time. Although, it has been able to function despite this, State regulations do limit the Board's ability to operate. A four-member Board runs the risk of causing inconvenience to those applying for permits and other actions by the Board. So we continue to seek people interested in serving on the Board and/or its subcommittees, this year with a little more urgency than in the past.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph Dolben, Chair
Joseph Kruzel, Vice Chair
Cornelius Flynn
John Matthews
Anthony Bongiorno, Associate Member
Deb House, Clerk



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our police department has once again had a very busy year. The news has reported on various issues that have come up in our town. I am very pleased with the way the officers of our police department responded to all of them. I am very proud of the level of service and work that our department members provide to the town on a daily basis. Our officers have responded well to incidents ranging from a hostage situation to saving lives with our cardiac defibrillators. We will continue to work hard at being prepared to respond to whatever needs may arise in our community.

Through a variety of grant funds we have been able to provide enhanced training for our officers in a wide array of areas; one area we have been focusing on is our children. Officers have received training and certification in such things as investigation of on-line crimes, child fatalities, responding to missing and abducted children and critical incident response.

For the first time in many years we have a police officer attending the full time Police Academy and will be assuming a full time patrol position upon his graduation in April. This will bring the department almost back to full staff. We still have one vacant patrol officer position that we are hoping can be filled in the next year. The calls for service continue to grow as our community does, and the types of calls we receive require the response of well trained officers. By adding a full time officer and restoring the police force to its prior staffing level, we will be able to continue to provide the service to which Hampden has become accustomed.

Officers continue to work weekly at the senior center; working with the staff to expand our Lock Box and File of Life programs. I encourage any senior who has any questions regarding either program to call the senior center and one of our senior resource officers will come to your home to discuss the programs and see how we can be of service to you.

Our DARE Program is back and running again! Sergeant Joy has completed the re-trainer course in New Hampshire and is currently running the program in both Thornton W. Burgess and Green Meadows schools. We are very pleased to have this program back so our children will have the same DARE instruction as the Wilbraham children so they will be on par with each other for the continuation of DARE at the high school level. Our school resource officers continue to work

in both schools on a weekly basis and continue to work with the district on school safety issues. Our department and the school district have applied for and received a competitive grant from the U.S. Department of Education called SOS, "Secure Our School", which will help fund continued security improvements to both Thornton W. Burgess Middle School and Green Meadows Elementary School.

I would like to thank the members of the Hampden Fire and Highway Departments for their assistance this past year, and most importantly I want to thank the men and women who make up the Hampden Police Department for their support and outstanding service to our community.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff W. Farnsworth
Chief of Police

RIDGELINE AND HILLSIDE COMMITTEE

The Ridgeline/Hillside Committee is a subcommittee of the Planning Board. The Ridgeline/Hillside Committee provides advisory and site reviews for the applicant and provides recommendations to the Planning Board and Building Department.

The Committee had some changes and was reformed this year. Two projects were reviewed and both were found to comply with the zoning bylaws and the applications were approved.

If you have questions as to the applicability of the bylaw to your property please see the Overlay Map located in the Planning Board or the Building Department office. If your project falls within the Ridgeline/Hillside District you must file an application for review of the project by Ridgeline/Hillside Committee.

John Matthews, Chair

SCANTIC VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

During 2007, the Scantic Valley Water District (SVWD) pumped 588,850 gallons of water from two wells on Massachusetts Audubon Society property, off Main Street in Hampden. There are nine (9) active water services in the SVWD, providing drinking water to eight homes and one Laughing Brook property. The SVWD is a registered community based Public Water System (PWS) in the Commonwealth and is regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Water Supply.

The 2007 DEP water sampling schedule for the SVWD was accomplished with twelve Coliform, five Lead & Copper, two Nitrate, two Nitrite, two Perchlorate and two sets of Volatile Organic Compounds samples taken at various locations in the distribution system. All water quality sampling results for 2007 indicate excellent water quality, meeting or exceeding standards set by the DEP. Documents filed with the DEP by this PWS for 2007, included a new Lead & Copper Sampling Locations Plan, a Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC) monitoring waiver application, the annual Statistical Report & Consumer Confidence Report.

The Hampden Board of Water Commissioners developed the Scantic Valley Water District Rules & Regulations Handbook. The year 2007 was trouble free for the SVWD with no compliance violations or mechanical problems.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard Jalbert
George Bouchard
Ed Hatch

Michael Framarin, Water Operator

STORMWATER COMMITTEE

The Town of Hampden continues to operate under a five-year Stormwater Management Program, as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This program consists of various tasks and timelines which address six Minimum Controls as outlined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This past year the committee worked on the fourth annual report to the Department of Environmental Protection and the EPA. We also continued to work on achieving goals related to Public Education and Involvement, Illicit Discharge & Detection, Construction Site Runoff, Post Construction Management and Pollution Prevention & Housekeeping.

An Erosion Control Bylaw meeting the requirements of the five-year plan was presented and approved at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Neil Flynn for serving on the Committee and all the Committee volunteers for their valuable time commitment, effort and dedication. They make this program a success.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph P. Kruzel, Chairman
Dana Pixley
Duane Mosier
Denise Fiedler
Bruce Libby
Jean Hall
Karl Sternberg

TAX COLLECTOR

The collector software that caused so many gray hairs in its introduction two years ago is finally becoming more manageable. Being more familiar with the system has certainly been a key in our improved relationship with both the vendor and the program.

The increased cost of doing business from one year to the next almost assures us that there will always be a tax increase for each new fiscal period. With property assessments up, the only good news is that the tax rate for fiscal 2008 has fallen to \$13.45 per thousand dollars of assessed value, representing a \$1.27 decrease from fiscal 07's \$14.72.

I continue to urge any resident homeowners over the age of 70 to check the exemption criteria used by the Assessors. If you qualify, this exemption can certainly help to ease the tax burden.

Calendar year tax collections for 2007:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax:	667,197.88
Personal Property Tax:	162,982.28
Real Estate Tax:	7,811,936.42
Interest:	38,343.87
Fees:	18,923.00

Total	9,332,071.45
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Respectfully submitted:

Eva Wiseman

TOWN CLERK

As I've said before, hampden.org still makes it easy to access information about Town boards and events. For questions on general, wetland and zoning bylaws, meeting dates, hours and phone numbers for Town House offices, or dates and times for upcoming events, just visit our cyberspace information center. Need a Building Permit? That's only one of the different applications that are available to print or download. And with such convenient hours, it's never too late to find what you're looking for.

Money collected in 2007 and remitted to the Treasurer follows:

Fish and Game	
State	5267.30
Town Fees	224.95
Dog Licenses	799.00
Certified Copies and Publications	1770.00
Trade Names and Marriages	605.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1906.45</u>
	5305.40 Total

Available in the Town Clerk's Office

Dog licenses \$ <u>4.00</u> spay/neuter, <u>OR</u>	10.00
Subdivision Control Law	7.00
Zoning By-Law	10.00
Zoning Map	10.00
Certified Copies (vital records)	5.00
Marriage Licenses	15.00
Trade Name in Business (dba)	20.00
Street List	10.00
Voter's List	10.00
Voter's List on diskette	10.00
Voter Registration Card	5.00

Vital Statistics recorded in Hampden:	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Births	46	47	28	29	18	19
Deaths	78	79	59	70	84	67
Marriages	14	13	12	11	14	15

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Wiseman, Town Clerk

TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE

In 2007, the Town Hall Building Committee of Raymond Andrée (Chair), Bob Burger, Gary Courtney, Gilles Tanguay, and John Matthews under the guidance of the Board of Selectmen continued to provide on-going recommendations and assistance for necessary capital improvements and upgrades to the Town Hall. The Committee met on average bi-monthly and continued to assess requirements for building integrity, efficient town operations and historical significance, and worked on the second and third phases of the original recommended upgrades to the Town Hall from 2006.

The second phase recommended installation of the back-up generator for the Town Hall that also services the emergency back-up power needs of the police department. This was brought to the Annual Town Meeting for funding approval and the renovation was completed in November, 2007.

The third phase includes a number of projects of which some have been completed. Restoration of the front entrance has been completed. Installation of a new phone and voice mail system is also complete and has resulted in a decrease in the number of telephone lines servicing the various departments. This will decrease the Town's future operating costs for voice and data transmission. Restoration of the cupola is underway for 2008. Various smaller improvements to the interior were also completed.

The main upgrade planned for the third phase is the replacement of the 25 year old air conditioning system that is deemed to be inefficient under current standards and energy costs and in need of replacement to comply with advances in technology to make such equipment environmentally safe. Bids and engineering specs are being finalized, and this is expected to be completed in 2008 should the requisite approval at Town Meeting be given.

For 2008, the Board of Selectmen has requested that the Committee update its list of proposed renovations/repairs and issue additional recommendations for necessary improvements to address Town department operational efficiencies within the Town Hall, necessary technological upgrades, mitigation of maintenance expenses, and maintaining the historical significance of the building.

The Board of Selectmen is most appreciative of their time and expertise.

Respectfully submitted:

Raymond Andree

Bob Burger

Gary Courtney

Gilles Tanguay

Article 1. TOWN REPORTS

The Town voted that the Annual Reports, as contained in the Annual Town Report for the year 2006, be accepted as printed.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 2. BUDGET

The Town voted that the sums of money shown in the column entitled “Fiscal 2008 Recommended Available Funds” of the Supplementary Report and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee be raised and appropriated for the specific purposes designated and that the same be expended only for such purposes, each number being considered a separate appropriation and that the Town raise and appropriate such sums as may be required to defray said charges for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1	Accountant	
	1.1 Salary	24351
	1.2 Clerical	0
	1.3 Expenses (audit)	<u>12000</u>
	Total Accountant	36351
2	Advisory Committee	
	2.1 Clerical	4175
	2.2 Expenses	<u>200</u>
	Total Advisory	4375
3	Appeals, Board of	
	3.1 Clerical	2993
	3.2 Expenses	<u>200</u>
	Total Appeals	3193
4	Assessors, Board of	
	4.1 Salaries	13209
	4.2 Clerical	14763
	4.3 Expenses	2500
	4.4 Data Processing	0
	4.5 Revaluation Update	4300
	4.6 Mapping Maintenance	2000
	4.7 Computer Maint. & Supp.	0
	4.8 Field Review	<u>3000</u>
	Total Assessors	39772
5	Building Department Expenses	
	5.1 Code and General Enforcement	420
	5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	<u>0</u>
	Total Building Dept.	420
6	County Retirement	160538
7	Insurance	
	7.1 Property and Liability	80000
	7.2 Employee Benefits	178000
	7.3 Unemployment Compensation	2000
	7.4 Longevity	<u>4400</u>
	Total Insurance	264400
8	Law and Claims	
	8.1 General	<u>22000</u>
	Total Law	22000
9	Moderator	
	9.1 Salary	0
	9.2 Expenses	<u>100</u>
	Total Moderator	100
10	Planning Board	
	10.2 Clerical	9073

	10.3 Expenses	550
	Total Planning Board	9623
11	Registrars, Board of (Voters)	
	11.1 Salaries	800
	11.2 Election Expenses	2500
	11.3 Street Lists	1900
	Total Registrars	5200
12	Selectman	
	12.1 Salaries	9600
	12.2 Administrative Asst.	32991
	12.3 Secretarial	0
	12.4 Expenses	1600
	12.5 Legal Advertising	400
	12.6 Computer Study Committee	0
	12.7 Temporary Help	2500
	Total Selectman	47091
	*8 Secretarial is now 56.2	
13	Tax Collector	
	13.1 Salary	26784
	13.2 Clerical	11028
	13.3 Expenses	2000
	13.4 Computer Maintenance	5792
	13.5 Tax Title Work	250
	13.6 Tax Title Admin.	0
	Total Tax Collector	45854
14	Town Clerk	
	14.1 Salary	26784
	14.2 Clerical	6048
	14.3 Expenses	1000
	14.4 Town Publications	100
	Total Town Clerk	33932
15	Town Report	3500
16	Treasurer	
	16.1 Salary	30438
	16.2 Clerical	7476
	16.3 Expenses	900
	16.4 Certifying Notes	100
	16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	2500
	16.6 Tax Title Expense	1000
	16.7 Payroll Service	6000
	16.8 Bank Service Charges	100
	16.9 Tax Title Admin.	0
	Total Treasurer	48514
17	Veterans' Benefits	9500
18	Greater Springfield Senior Services	467
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		734830
GENERAL TOWN SERVICES		
20	Academy Hall Maintenance	2500
21	Cemetery Commission	
	21.1 Clerical	674
	21.2 Expenses	80
	21.3 Maintenance	500
	Total Cemetery Commission	1254
22	Conservation Commission	
	22.1 Clerical	6372
	22.2 Expenses	400
	Total Conservation Commission	6772
23	Transfer Station	

	23.1 Operation	
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing	19900
	Total Transfer Station	19900
24	School Buildings Repairs	5000
25		
26	Library	
	26.1 Salaries	
	26.2 Expenses	
	26.3 Books and Periodicals	
	Total Library	76875
27	Town Events	800
29	Office Equipment	
	29.1 Acquisition	2500
	29.2 Maintenance	7000
	29.3 Supplies	3000
	29.4 Postage	10000
	Total Office Equipment	22500
30	Parks and Recreation	
	30.1 Salaries	5125
	30.2 Operating Expenses	4100
	30.3 Capital Improvements	2600
	30.4 Baseball	0
	30.5 Softball	0
	30.6 Girls Soccer	0
	30.7 Boys Soccer	0
	30.8 Basketball	0
	30.9 Director's Salary	0
	Total Parks and Recreation	11825
31		
32	Town House Maintenance	
	32.1 Custodial	16000
	32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	6800
	32.3 Heat and Utilities	40000
	Total Town House Maintenance	62800
	*1STM Nov 2005, Article 2	
	\$ DIFFERENCE of \$7,000	
33		
34	Ambulance	13000
35	Gasoline	35000
	*2 STM Nov 2005, Article 2	
	\$ DIFFERENCE of \$5,000	
36	Street Lighting	19100
	*3 STM Nov 2005, Article 2	
	\$ DIFFERENCE of \$2,500	
37	Council on Aging	
	37.1 Director's Salary	28952
	37.2 Clerk	7722
	37.3 Expenses	1000
	37.4 Temporary Help	0
	37.5 Outreach Coordinator	2500
	Total Council on Aging	40174
38	Senior Center	
	38.1 Custodial	7185
	38.2 Utilities	11000
	38.3 Building Maintenance	6000
	38.4 Grounds Maintenance	0
	Total Senior Center	24185
39	Historical Commission	200

Total General Town Services		341885
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
40	Superintendent's Salary	65454
41	Tree Warden	
	41.1 Expenses	5125
	41.2 Tree Planting	
	41.3 Insect Pest Control	
42	Public Grounds	32882
43	Highway Maintenance	80748
	43.1 Expenses	
	43.2 Paving	
44	General Highway Expense	86515
45	Snow and Ice Removal	38950
46	Contract Services	
	46.1 Street Sweeping	
	46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning	35612
	*17 STM Oct. 2004, Article 3	
47	Other Highway Accounts	
	47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance	10000
	47.2 Highway Engineering	
	47.3 Equipment Acquisition	
48	Building Expenses	
	48.1 Utilities	7650
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		362936
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
50	Animal Inspection	
	50.1 Salary	1948
	50.2 Expenses	240
	50.3 Rabies Management	0
	Total Animal Inspection	2188
51	Emergency Management	1000
52	Dog Officer	
	52.1 Animal Control Account	14500
	52.2 Dog Damage Fund	300
	Total Dog Officer	14800
53	Fire Department	
	53.1 Fire Chief Salary	966
	53.2 Fire Chief Expenses	1261
	53.3 Operation	25783
	Total Fire Department	28010
	*4 STM Nov 2005, Article 2	
	\$ DIFFERENCE of \$2,000	
54	Forest Fires	1454
55	Forest Fire Warden	621
56	Health, Board of	
	56.1 Salary	3960
	56.2 Clerk Salary	18367
	56.3 Expenses	1000
	Total Board of Health	23327
565.5	Water District	
	565.1 Operations	6889
	565.2 Testing	2900
	Total Water District	9789
57	Police	
	57.1 Chief's Salary	66835
	57.2 General Salaries	702326
	57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	7985

	57.4 General Expenses	45707
	57.5 New Cruisers	29000
	57.6 Training	31685
	57.7 Equipment	6829
	57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	61736
	57.9 Additional Officer	0
58	Other Police Accounts	
	58.1 Election and Town Meetings	951
	58.2 Towing Clerk	200
	58.3 WMLEC	250
59	Parking Clerk	
	Total Police	953504
TOTAL PROTECTION		1034693
SCHOOLS		
69	Regional School District	
	69.1 Assessment	5998162
	69.2 Teacher Deferral	7616
	Total Regional School District	6005778
SUB TOTAL		8480122
70	Local Government Debt	
	70.1 Principal	200850
	70.2 Interest	
	70.3 School Debt	49000
	70.4 Green Meadow BAN	293775
	70.5 Highway Truck	16500
	70.6 Fire Truck	40000
	70.7 Audit Green Meadows	
	Total Local Government Debt	600125
GRAND TOTAL		9080247

A motion to take Article 25 out of order passed by a declared majority.

A motion to move the debate on Article 25 passed by a declared majority

Article 25. ZONING BYLAW – RIDGELINE/HILLSIDE

The Town defeated a motion to amend the Zoning Bylaws, described in the 2007 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as Exhibit B..

The motion failed by lack of a declared 2/3 Vote

Article 3. PREVIOUS BILLS

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$8972** for the payment of bills incurred in FY 06.

A unanimous Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 4. REVOLVING FUND – BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Assessors to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ , for the purpose of receiving and expending monies from fees collected, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Assessors to defray the costs of equipment and supplies connected with public documents, said fund not to exceed \$2,500 for the fiscal year 2008.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 5. REVOLVING FUND – BOARD OF HEALTH

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Health, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving and expending fees paid for issuance of licenses, permits and inspections, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Health to defray salaries of part-time employees, said fund not to exceed \$40,000 for the fiscal year 2008.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 6. REVOLVING FUND – BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Selectmen, to establish a revolving fund for the Building Department, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving fees paid for issuance of building permits, inspection fees, including weights and measures, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to defray

salaries and expenses of part-time employees of the Building Department and consultants, said fund not to exceed \$50,000 for the fiscal year 2008.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 7. REVOLVING FUND – LIBRARY TRUSTEES

the Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Library Trustees, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving fines paid for overdue, lost and/or damaged materials, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Library Trustees to defray the costs of repairs and supplies and to purchase books and materials, said fund not to exceed \$6,000 for the fiscal year 2008.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 8. REVOLVING FUND – COUNCIL ON AGING

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Council on Aging, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving proceeds from classes, programs and other fees, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Council on Aging to defray the costs of classes, supplies and other necessary expenses, said fund not to exceed \$30,000 for the fiscal year 2008.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 9. REVOLVING FUND – TAX COLLECTOR

The Town voted to authorize the Town, acting through its Tax Collector to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the purpose of receiving and expending monies from charges collected, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Tax Collector to defray the costs of equipment and supplies connected with public documents, said fund not to exceed \$2,500 for the fiscal year 2008.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 10. ENTERPRISE FUND – TRANSFER STATION

The Town voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F1/2 for purposes of establishing an enterprise fund, to be effective for Fiscal Year 2008, to receive payments from Transfer Station operations and payments of other funds approved by the Town, with expenditures from this fund (except any surplus) to be made without further appropriation by the Board of Health for purposes of operating, maintaining, and improving the Hampden Transfer Station, including recycling facilities, in the Town.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 11. ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFER STATION

The Town vote to transfer \$20,000 from the Transfer Station revolving account to the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 12. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town voted to hear the report of the Community Preservation Committee.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate \$2500 from the Community Preservation Fund to fund trail building on Minnechaug Mountain.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate \$100000 from the Community Preservation Fund, \$50,000 payable in FY08 and an additional \$50,000 payable in FY09 to be paid to the Minnechaug Land Trust for the purpose of acquiring a conservation restriction running in favor of the Town on property located at 249 South Rd, said conservation restriction to be mutually acceptable to the Town of Hampden and the Minnechaug Land Trust

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

The Town voted to appropriate \$20000 from the Community Preservation Fund to fund repairs to the Town House.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 13. HIGHWAY STATE AID

The Town voted to accept \$197,284 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, the General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 14. HIGHWAY

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$30,000** for the purchase of a replacement Highway truck.
A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 15. HIGHWAY

The Town voted to appropriate **\$1,500,000**, to fund road, intersection and drainage improvements and reconstruction, consisting of the resurfacing thereof with bituminous concrete or other road material, including leveling, structural overlays, utility adjustments, minor drainage improvements and curbing, the replacement of culverts and for design, permitting, appraisals, permanent and temporary easements, construction and services during construction and project contingency, that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$1,500,000 under G.L. c.44, Section 7 or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to acquire, accept as a gift, or take by eminent domain permanent and/or temporary easements for such drainage system improvements; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 16. TOWN HOUSE

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$60,000** to fund the replacement of the generator in the Town House. A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 17. TOWN HOUSE REPAIRS

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to fund repairs at the Town House.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 18. STORMWATER

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$23,500** for the second 5-year plan of the Stormwater Phase II runoff compliance plan with any associated costs for the Town of Hampden, as required by the EPA and DEP.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 19. GENERAL BYLAW - STORMWATER

The Town voted to amend the Town General Bylaws by adding the following section to Chapter XIV, described in the 2007 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as Exhibit A, " Chapter XIV (A): Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management".

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 20. CONSERVATION FUND

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$1000** for the Conservation Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted upon and approved at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 21. LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID

The Town voted that in Fiscal Year 2007, if State aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 22. ASSESSORS

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to the Assessor's Stabilization Fund to meet all Department of Revenue mandated programs.

A 2/3 vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 23. ASSESSORS

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$12,000** for the mandated full list and measure of all real estate and personal property in the Town.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 24. DARE PROGRAM

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$6000** to fund the DARE program at Thornton W. Burgess School.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 25. ZONING BYLAW – RIDGELINE/HILLSIDE

* a motion passed following article 2 to take discussion and vote on this article out of order

Article 26. GENERAL BYLAW - RIGHT TO FARM

The Town voted to amend the Town General Bylaws, by adding the following, described in the 2007 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as Exhibit C, Chapter XV - Right to Farm.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 27. ZONING BYLAW

The Town voted to amend the existing Hampden Zoning Bylaw, Section 7.15 Flexible Residential Open Space Development (FROSD) Bylaw, described in the 2007 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as Exhibit D.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 28. RESERVE FUND

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** for the Reserve Fund.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 29. STABILIZATION FUND

The Town voted to raise and appropriate **\$189737** for the Stabilization Fund.

A 2/3 Vote was declared by the Moderator

Article 30. REDUCING TAX RATE

The Town vote to take no action on this article.

A Majority Vote was declared by the Moderator

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30PM

TOWN OFFICES

EMAILS/ WEBSITES	PHONE NUMBERS	MEETINGS
selectmen@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 100	Monday 6:30 pm
health@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 102	Monday 6:30 pm
police@hampden.org	566-8011	
planning@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 109	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday
parks@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 108	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday
treasurer@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 105	Tuesday 5 pm – 7 pm
assessors@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 106	2 nd Tuesday
highway@hampden.org	566-8842	
coa@hampden.org	566-5588	2 nd Tuesday
inspector@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 107	Tuesday 6pm - 8 pm
conservation@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 110	3 rd Wednesday
townclerk@hampden.org	566-2151 ext. 103	
advisory@hampden.org		2 nd & 4 th Monday

Town of Hampden Website: www.hampden.org

DEP's updated Title 5 Website: www.mass.gov/dep/brp/wwwhome.htm

TREASURERS REPORT

I am currently working with the Town Accountant to get the new accounting and vendor check software package up and running efficiently.

My banking background has enabled me to successfully negotiate free banking services and receive the highest interest rates on our investments. The interest earned in the General Fund was \$ 33,952.87 for 2007.

Together with the Selectmen, Accountant, and Highway Superintendent, we are in the process of bonding the 1.5 million dollar infrastructure project that was approved at the Annual Town Meeting. The project will begin in FY 2008 and will be administered continually for the next 5 years. My responsibility on this project is to ensure that our borrowings have the best rates. Fortunately, I have the ability to utilize free services and advice from a Financial Advisor to ensure that my negotiations are profitable for the town.

Upon the retirement of the Assistant Treasurer Pat Smith, I appointed Judy Mikkola to take over the position. Judy is working out very well as she had been the Town Treasurer in the early 1980's. Together we pride ourselves with our team work and working in the best interest of the Town.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracy L. Sicbaldi

**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS TREASURER'S QUARTERLY CASH REPORT****Town of Hampden**,for the Quarter Ending **June 30, 2007**

(City, Town, County, District)

PART I: A. Cash and checks in office\$.00**B. Non-Interest Bearing Checking Accounts**

Collateral'd Y or N	Comp. Bal. Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub-Total
				N/A		
				N/A		
				N/A		
				N/A		
				N/A		
				N/A		

C. Interest Bearing Checking Accounts

Collateral'd Y or N	Comp. Bal. Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub-Total
	N	BWMass	General Fund	4.40%	491,834.39	
	N	Peoples Bank	Holding Account	4.45%	11,727.07	
		Unibank	Holding Account	2.78%	247,343.55	
						\$750,905.01

D. Liquid Investments

Collateral'd Y or N	Comp. Bal. Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub-Total
	N	MA Mun Dep Trust	Holding Account	5.31%	5,144.28	
N	N	Bank of America	Holding Account	2.40%	5,593.16	
N	N	Bank of America	Holding Account	2.40%	9.47	
N	N	Peoples Bank-CPA	Community Preservation	4.45%	108,223.01	
N	N	TD Banknorth	Holding Account	.55%	1,459.23	
						\$120,429.15

Note: Attach additional sheets if needed.

E. Term Investments

Collateral'd Y or N	Comp. Bal. Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub-Total
					Sub-Total	
		U.S. Treasury Bills				
		Repurchase Agreements				
		Other				
					Sub-Total	
					Sec. E Total	

F. Trust Funds

[illegible]

Part I Total: All Cash and Investments
Note: Attach additional sheets if needed.

\$ \$ 1,405,182.30

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

In the year 2007, I worked with several representatives and arborists from National Grid Electric Co. In an effort to improve reliability to major circuits and to reduce tree caused electrical service outages, National Grid is introducing a multi-year reliability improvement project across Massachusetts known as the ACT Program (Augmented Clearance for Trees). This program will identify, and fund the removal of both public and private trees that pose a hazard to the utility lines. It will pertain to only specific circuits on five of our primary roads. If you would like more information on this, please feel free to contact me.

The members of the Highway Department removed 27 trees that were dead or storm damaged. An additional 60 trees were completed with the assistance of a tree service. The following lists show the types of trees and which streets they were removed from. A total of 12 stumps were ground down at various locations and these areas were cleaned, loamed and seeded.

Continued maintenance of the trees within the town reduces exposure to personal injury, power outages and in general improves the overall appearance of the town.

Tree Removals by Highway Dept.

Allen St.	6 Oaks	1 Maple	1 Oak
1 Maple	E. Longmeadow	1 Poplar	1 Poplar
1 Oak	1 Maple	N. Monson Rd.	Scantic Rd.
Ames Rd.	Glendale Rd.	1 Maple	1 Maple
2 Maples	1 Maple	1 Ash	3 Cherries
Carmody Rd.	Isaac Bradway	Potash Hill Ln.	1 Pine
1 Maple	1 Maple	1 Pine	South Rd.
Cross Rd.	Mill Rd.	Ridgeway Rd	1 Maple

Tree Removals Requiring Assistance of a Tree Service

Allen St.	Glendale Rd.	Mill Rd.	Ridgeway Rd.
7 Maple	1 Ash	2 Maples	1 Poplar
1 Oak	1 Maple	1 Elm	South Rd.
Ames Rd.	2 Birches	North Rd.	2 Maples
3 Oak	Hickory Ln.	2 Maples	Thresher Rd.
5 Ash	8 Pines	2 Ashes	1 Maple
Bennett Rd.	Isaac Bradway	1 Spruce	Valley View Dr.
1 Maple	2 Maples	1 Pine	3 Maples
1 Ash	Main St.	N. Monson Rd.	Wilbraham Rd.
E. Longmeadow	1 Pine	1 Maple	1 Maple
2 Maples	1 Elm	Old Coach Cir.	
1 Oak	4 Maples	1 Oak	

If anyone has any questions regarding a town tree or would like to report a tree that they feel is in poor condition, please feel free to contact me at the Highway Department office (566-8842).

Sincerely,

Dana S. Pixley
Tree Warden

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN SERVICES

The year of 2007 has been a time of increased activity for the Veterans' Service Department. We have seen increased activity from veterans returning from Iraq and have directed them to services within the Veterans' Administration and made them aware of the State of Massachusetts Welcome Home Package and those services available from the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services.

This office has endeavored to take applications for veterans and provide benefits and assistance to veterans and their families in accordance with state regulations under Chapter 115. This department has aggressively sought out these veterans and offered the assistance they deserve.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert A. Mathison, Director
VSO

REPORT OF THE
TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

CLIFFORD E. BOMBARD
CERTIFIED

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET-ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
6/30/2007

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CPA SPEC REV	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST AGENCY	LONG TERM DEBT	TOTALS
Assets							
Cash and Equivalents	448,753	201,283	188,053	29,971	533,848		1,401,908
Accounts Receivable							
Property Taxes	177,734						177,734
CPA	1,013						1,013
Excise Taxes	69,156						69,156
Tax Liens	96,644						96,644
Tax possessions	32,330						32,330
Due from other funds					5,000		5,000
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles	(72,764)						(72,764)
Amount to be Provided for Payment of Notes						407,400	407,400
Total Assets	<u>752,866</u>	<u>201,283</u>	<u>188,053</u>	<u>29,971</u>	<u>538,848</u>	<u>407,400</u>	<u>2,118,422</u>
Liabilities							
Warrants Payable	100,177	18,344					118,521
Employee Withholdings	14,064						14,064
Due To/From Other Governments	1,661						1,661
Due to/from other funds	5,000						5,000
Deferred Revenue					5,000		
Property Taxes	105,984						105,984
Excise Taxes	69,156						69,156
Tax Liens	96,644						96,644
Tax Possessions	32,330						32,330
Tailings	7,133						7,133
Long Term notes Payable						407,400	407,400
Total Liabilities	<u>432,149</u>	<u>18,344</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>407,400</u>	<u>857,893</u>
Fund Equity							
Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	129,148						129,148
Reserved for Deficits(to be raised)	(70,777)						(70,777)
Reserved for Expenditure		182,939	188,053	29,971	533,848		934,811
Undesignated	262,346						262,346
Total Fund Equity	<u>320,717</u>	<u>182,939</u>	<u>188,053</u>	<u>29,971</u>	<u>533,848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,255,528</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>752,866</u>	<u>201,283</u>	<u>188,053</u>	<u>29,971</u>	<u>538,848</u>	<u>407,400</u>	<u>1,951,422</u>

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES
FISCAL 2007**

	APPROPRIATIONS & CARRYOVERS	TRANSFERS IN(OUT)	TOTAL AVAILABLE	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE
ACCOUNTANT					
SALARY	22,351.00		22,351.00	22,351.00	-
EXPENSES	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,490.00	10.00
ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	4,070.00		4,070.00	4,070.00	-
EXPENSES	200.00		200.00		200.00
APPEALS BOARD					
CLERICAL	2,945.00		2,945.00	2,664.90	280.10
EXPENSES	200.00		200.00	144.33	55.67
ASSESSORS					
SALARY	12,824.00		12,824.00	12,824.00	-
CLERICAL	13,703.00		13,703.00	13,229.29	473.71
EXPENSES	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,836.02	663.98
REVALUATION UPDATE	4,300.00		4,300.00	4,300.00	-
MAPPING MAINT	900.00	1,100.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
FIELD REVIEW	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	-
BUILDING DEPT					
CODE ENFORCEMENT	420.00		420.00	420.00	-
COUNTY RETIREMENT	131,505.00		131,505.00	131,505.00	-
INSURANCE					
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY	78,000.00		78,000.00	74,033.00	3,967.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	180,000.00	(4,400.00)	175,600.00	127,750.79	47,849.21
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00
LAW AND CLAIMS	20,000.00	3,854.00	23,854.00	23,854.00	-
MODERATOR					
EXPENSES	100.00		100.00		100.00
PLANNING BOARD					
CLERICAL	9,049.00		9,049.00	9,048.99	0.01
EXPENSES	535.00		535.00	517.74	17.26
REGISTRARS					
SALARIES	780.00		780.00	780.00	-
ELECTION EXPENSES	2,900.00	1,116.32	4,016.32	4,016.32	-
STREET LISTS	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,548.12	351.88
SELECTMEN					
SALARIES	9,327.00		9,327.00	9,099.96	227.04
ADMINISTRATIVE ASS'T	29,784.00		29,784.00	29,226.77	557.23
EXPENSES	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,272.66	327.34
LEGAL ADVERTISING	400.00	800.00	1,200.00	979.31	220.69
TEMPORARY HELP	500.00		500.00	241.62	258.38
TAX COLLECTOR					
SALARY	24,587.00		24,587.00	24,587.00	-
CLERICAL	9,508.00		9,508.00	9,211.68	296.32
EXPENSES	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,996.63	3.37
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	4,992.00		4,992.00	4,800.00	192.00
TAX TITLE WORK	250.00		250.00		250.00

TOWN CLERK					
SALARY	24,587.00		24,587.00	24,587.00	-
CLERICAL	6,339.00		6,339.00	5,924.02	414.98
EXPENSES	1,000.00		1,000.00	906.08	93.92
TOWN REPORT	3,000.00	1,187.00	4,187.00	4,187.00	-
TREASURER					
SALARY	29,922.00		29,922.00	29,922.00	-
CLERICAL	7,183.00	(415.00)	6,768.00	4,642.88	2,125.12
EXPENSES	900.00		900.00	848.71	51.29
PAYROLL SERVICE	5,000.00	400.00	5,400.00	5,301.05	98.95
CERTIFYING NOTES	100.00	15.00	115.00	115.00	-
INTEREST(SHORT TERM)	2,500.00		2,500.00	12,425.36	(9,925.36)
BANK CHARGES	100.00		100.00		100.00
TAX TITLE EXPENSE	1,000.00		1,000.00	486.74	513.26
VETERANS BENEFITS	9,500.00	204.00	9,704.00	9,704.00	-
GR SPFLD SENIOR CENTER	467.00		467.00	241.00	226.00
ACADEMY HALL MAINT	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,427.71	72.29
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS					
CLERICAL	607.00		607.00	500.82	106.18
EXPENSES	80.00		80.00	76.38	3.62
MAINTENANCE	500.00		500.00		500.00
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE					
CLERICAL	5,300.00		5,300.00	2,527.50	2,772.50
EXPENSES	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,180.89	19.11
TRANSFER STATION					
EXPENSES	90,000.00		90,000.00	86,248.81	3,751.19
MONITORING & TESTING	14,400.00	3,075.00	17,475.00	17,438.00	37.00
LIBRARY	75,000.00		75,000.00	75,000.00	-
TOWN EVENTS	800.00		800.00	774.73	25.27
OFFICE EQUIPMENT					
ACQUISITION	500.00		500.00		500.00
MAINTENANCE	7,000.00		7,000.00	5,040.97	1,959.03
SUPPLIES	5,000.00		5,000.00	3,145.90	1,854.10
POSTAGE	10,000.00		10,000.00	8,928.80	1,071.20
PARKS AND RECREATION					
SALARIES	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	-
EXPENSES	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,861.35	138.65
CAPITAL EXPENSES	2,500.00	2,400.00	4,900.00	4,850.00	50.00
TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE					
CUSTODIAL	16,000.00		16,000.00	12,907.00	3,093.00
MAINT & REPAIRS	6,800.00	50.00	6,850.00	5,036.86	1,813.14
UTILITIES	35,000.00	11,392.17	46,392.17	46,392.17	-
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	12,703.00		12,703.00	11,643.94	1,059.06
GASOLINE	35,000.00		35,000.00	34,929.29	70.71
STREET LIGHTING	19,100.00	(4,354.00)	14,746.00	11,130.35	3,615.65

COUNCIL ON AGING					
DIRECTOR	23,516.00	2,763.00	26,279.00	26,215.00	64.00
CLERICAL	7,722.00		7,722.00	7,701.20	20.80
EXPENSES	1,000.00		1,000.00	932.32	67.68
SENIOR CENTER					
CUSTODIAL	6,550.00		6,550.00	6,531.20	18.80
UTILITIES	9,000.00	6,361.82	15,361.82	15,361.82	-
MAINTENANCE	6,000.00	1,749.01	7,749.01	7,244.86	504.15
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	200.00		200.00	72.96	127.04
HIGHWAYS					
HIGHWAY SUPT	63,052.00		63,052.00	63,052.00	-
TREE WARDEN EXPENSE	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,995.52	4.48
PUBLIC GROUNDS	30,938.00		30,938.00	30,937.87	0.13
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	76,320.00		76,320.00	76,318.42	1.58
GENERAL HIGHWAYS	80,680.00		80,680.00	80,677.23	2.77
SNOW & ICE	37,224.00		37,224.00	98,075.93	(60,851.93)
CATCH BASIN CLEANING	34,500.00		34,500.00	34,495.45	4.55
ROAD MACHINERY REPAIR	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,999.27	0.73
TOWN GARAGE	7,000.00	457.53	7,457.53	7,457.53	-
ANIMAL INSPECTIONS					
SALARY	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,853.00	47.00
EXPENSES	240.00		240.00		240.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
DOG OFFICER					
ANIMAL CONTROL	13,545.00	266.20	13,811.20	13,811.20	-
DOG DAMAGE FUND	300.00		300.00	200.00	100.00
FIRE DEPT					
CHIEF'S SALARY	912.00		912.00	912.00	-
CHIEF'S EXPENSES	1,230.00		1,230.00		1,230.00
OPERATIONS	25,154.00		25,154.00	24,385.31	768.69
FOREST FIRES					
WARDEN	585.00		585.00	585.00	-
EXPENSES	1,418.00		1,418.00	930.00	488.00
BOARD OF HEALTH					
SALARY	3,764.00		3,764.00	3,763.26	0.74
CLERICAL	17,760.00		17,760.00	16,422.71	1,337.29
EXPENSES	3,000.00		3,000.00	429.19	2,570.81
WATER DISTRICT					
OPERATION	6,889.00		6,889.00	5,555.26	1,333.74
TESTING	2,900.00		2,900.00	2,121.12	778.88
POLICE					
CHIEF'S SALARY	65,205.00		65,205.00	65,204.89	0.11
OFFICER SALARIES	698,880.00	(5,000.00)	693,880.00	658,408.85	35,471.15
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	7,282.00	2,634.00	9,916.00	9,711.06	204.94
EXPENSES	39,943.00	5,000.00	44,943.00	44,935.77	7.23
NEW CRUISER	31,000.00	(2,434.00)	28,566.00	28,566.00	-
TRAINING	27,763.00		27,763.00	27,758.50	4.50
NEW EQUIPMENT	6,828.00		6,828.00	6,828.36	(0.36)
CAREER INCENTIVE	63,468.00		63,468.00	61,296.92	2,171.08
WMLEC	250.00		250.00	250.00	-
ELECTIONS	2,100.00		2,100.00	2,057.05	42.95
TOWING	200.00	(200.00)	-		-

SCHOOL DISTRICT					
REGIONAL ASSESSMENT	5,884,244.00		5,884,244.00	5,884,244.00	-
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00		7,616.00	7,616.00	-
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT SERVICE					
PRINCIPAL	250,000.00		250,000.00	250,000.00	-
INTEREST	13,350.00		13,350.00	13,350.00	-
SCHOOL DEBT	53,072.00		53,072.00	48,836.00	4,236.00
GREEN MEADOW BAN DEBT	415,764.00		415,764.00	415,764.00	-
HIGHWAY TRUCK	15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00	-
FIRE TRUCK	170,000.00		170,000.00	160,340.35	9,659.65
CARRY OVER ACCOUNTS					
RESERVE FUND	28,047.00	(28,022.05)	24.95		24.95
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/29/01					
#11 SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR	12,000.00		12,000.00		12,000.00
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 4/29/02					
#3 TOWN HOUSE REPAIR	11,566.85		11,566.85	11,566.85	-
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/21/02					
#1 STORM WATER	4,085.00		4,085.00		4,085.00
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 4/24/06					
#1 TWB RENOVATION	30,000.00		30,000.00	22,636.00	7,364.00
#2 E911	12,000.00		12,000.00	4,855.50	7,144.50
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/24/06					
# 9 ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE	10,000.00		10,000.00	9,705.60	294.40
# 14 HIGHWAY TRUCK	49,000.00		49,000.00	48,506.35	493.65
#18 ASSESSORS	12,000.00		12,000.00		12,000.00
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/30/06					
# BOND COSTS	31,000.00		31,000.00	30,621.50	378.50
# 4 GREEN MEADOWS BOND	55,238.00		55,238.00	55,238.00	-
# 5 GREEN MEADOW SEPTIC	40,000.00		40,000.00	2,900.00	37,100.00
#6 TOWN HOUSE ROOF	35,000.00		35,000.00	29,445.40	5,554.60
#7 RIDGE ROAD	70,000.00		70,000.00	37,619.00	32,381.00
#8 CRUISER	32,000.00		32,000.00	32,000.00	-
#11 STABILIZATION	347,530.00		347,530.00	347,530.00	-
ASSESSMENTS					
VETERAN'S SERVICE DIST	14,985.88		14,985.88	14,985.88	-
POLLUTION CONTROL DIST	1,192.00		1,192.00	1,192.00	-
PV PLANNING DISTRICT	775.65		775.65	775.65	-
REGISTRY SERVICES	3,480.00		3,480.00	3,480.00	-
PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT	10,828.00		10,828.00	10,828.00	-
TOTALS	10,061,210.38	-	10,061,210.38	9,866,221.55	194,988.83

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TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES
6/30/2007

TAXES AND EXCISES **

REAL ESTATE

2007	7,380,772.77	
2006	180,918.02	
2005	<u>1,958.35</u>	7,563,649.14

CPA

OTHER

ROLL BACK TAX	7,780.96	
TAX TITLES	11,685.76	
CPA	46,075.64	
LIEU OF TAXES	<u>5,152.15</u>	70,694.51

PERSONAL PROPERTY

2007	162,151.44	
2006	(623.28)	
2005	637.63	
2002	16.23	
2001	<u>28.62</u>	162,210.64

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

2007	527,117.67	
2006	92,400.65	
2005	5,875.73	
2004	2,555.96	
2003	108.83	
2002	469.17	
2001 & PRIOR	<u>639.17</u>	629,167.18

TOTAL TAXES AND EXCISES

8,425,721.47

**NET OF REFUNDS

LOCAL REVENUES

BORROWING	171,000.00	
TAX COLLECTOR	26,391.15	
TOWN CLERK	5,038.05	
BOARD OF HEALTH	13,027.50	
POLICE DEP'T	4,939.00	
DISTRICT COURT	20,205.00	
INVESTMENT INTEREST	42,297.75	
CELL TOWER	10,200.00	
TRANSFER STATION	90,550.46	
LICENSES	7,570.00	
ALL OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	20,000.00	
INTEREST ON TAXES	30,373.43	
BOND PREMIUM	<u>163,523.20</u>	

TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE

434,115.54

STATE REVENUES

VETEREN'S ABATEMENTS	8,737.00
OTHER STATE REVENUE	1,501.50
EXEMPTS/ELDERLY	4,518.00
LOTTERY	765,201.00
QUINN BILL	31,802.54

TOTAL STATE REVENUES	811,760.04
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TOTAL ALL REVENUES	9,843,974.89
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PAYABLES

TEMPORARY NOTES	900,000.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	72,679.22
GROUP INSURANCE	87,456.32
UNION DUES	3,299.84
FEES PAYABLE	15,217.25
TAILINGS	3,365.62

TOTAL PAYABLES	1,082,018.25
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	10,925,993.14
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CASH AND SAVINGS 7/1/06	514,459.03
WARRANTS PAYABLE	(96,581.89)
VERIFYING BALANCE	11,343,870.28

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
6/30/2007

GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT

TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
SALARY	22,351.00
AUDIT	2,490.00
ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
CLERICAL	4,070.00
APPEALS BOARD	
CLERICAL	2,664.90
EXPENSES	144.33
ASSESSORS	
SALARIES	12,824.00
CLERICAL	13,229.29
EXPENSES	1,836.02
REVALUATION UPDATE	4,300.00
MAPPING MAINTENANCE	2,000.00
FIELD REVIEW	2,000.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT	420.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	131,505.00
INSURANCE	
PROPERTY & CASUALTY	74,033.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
FICA	20,969.55
INSURANCE	101,287.69
LIFE INSURANCE	889.87
LONGEVITY	1,936.39
SICK PAY BUY BACK	1,636.92
LONGVIEW ASSOC	1,030.37
TRANSFERS	4,400.00
LAW & CLAIMS	23,854.00
PLANNING BOARD	
CLERICAL	9,048.99
EXPENSES	517.74
ELECTIONS	
REGISTRARS	780.00
ELECTION EXPENSE	4,016.32
STREET LISTS	1,548.12
SELECTMEN	
SALARIES	9,099.96
ADMINISTRATIVE ASS'T	29,226.77
EXPENSES	1,272.66
LEGAL ADVERTISING	979.31
TEMPORARY HELP	241.62
TAX COLLECTOR	
SALARY	24,587.00
CLERICAL	9,211.68
EXPENSES	1,996.63
COMPUTER MAINT	4,800.00
TOWN CLERK	
SALARY	24,587.00
CLERICAL	5,924.02
EXPENSES	906.08

TOWN REPORT	4,187.00	
TREASURER		
SALARY	29,922.00	
CLERICAL	4,642.88	
EXPENSES	848.71	
CERTIFYING NOTES	115.00	
SHORT TERM INTEREST	12,425.36	
PAYROLL SERVICE	5,301.05	
TAX TITLES	486.74	
VETERAN'S BENEFITS	9,704.00	
GREATER SPFLD SENIORS	241.00	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		626,489.97
GENERAL TOWN SERVICES		
ACADEMY HALL MAINT	2,427.71	
CEMETERY		
CLERICAL	500.82	
EXPENSES	76.38	
CONSERVATION		
CLERICAL	2,527.50	
EXPENSE	1,180.89	
TRANSFER STATION		
EXPENSES	13,278.22	
SALARIES	72,970.59	
MONITORING AND TESTING	17,438.00	
LIBRARY		
SALARIES	57,785.26	
EXPENSES	17,214.74	
TOWN EVENTS	774.73	
OFFICE EQUIPMENT		
MAINTENANCE	5,040.97	
SUPPLIES	3,145.90	
POSTAGE	8,928.80	
PARKS & RECREATION		
SALARIES	5,000.00	
EXPENSES	3,861.35	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	4,850.00	
TOWN HOUSE		
CUSTODIAN	12,907.00	
MAINTENANCE	5,036.86	
UTILITIES	46,392.17	
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	11,643.94	
GASOLINE	34,929.29	
STREET LIGHTING	11,130.35	
SENIOR CENTER		
DIRECTOR	26,215.00	
CLERICAL	7,701.20	
EXPENSES	932.32	
CUSTODIAL	6,531.20	
UTILITIES	15,361.82	
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	7,244.86	
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	72.96	

TOTAL GENERAL TOWN SERVICES

403,100.83

HIGHWAYS

SUPERINTENDENT	63,052.00	
TREE WARDEN	4,995.52	
PUBLIC GROUNDS		
SALARIES	17,848.78	
EXPENSES	13,089.09	
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE		
SALARIES	10,568.29	
EXPENSES	65,750.13	
GENERAL HIGHWAYS		
SALARIES	67,701.08	
EXPENSES	12,976.15	
SNOW & ICE		
SALARIES	29,597.12	
EXPENSES	68,478.81	
CATCH BASINS/SWEEPING	34,495.45	
ROAD MACHINERY MAINT	9,999.27	
TOWN GARAGE MAINTENANCE	7,457.53	
TOTAL HIGHWAYS		406,009.22

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

ANIMAL INSPECTOR		
SALARY	1,853.00	
DOG OFFICER		
ANIMAL CONTROL	13,811.20	
DOG DAMAGE FUND	200.00	
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
CHIEF SALARY	912.00	
OPERATIONS	24,385.31	
FOREST FIRES		
WARDEN	585.00	
EXPENSES	930.00	
BOARD OF HEALTH		
SALARY	3,763.26	
CLERICAL	16,422.71	
EXPENSES	429.19	
WATER DISTRICT		
OPERATIONS	5,555.26	
TESTING	2,121.12	
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
CHIEF SALARY	65,204.89	
OFFICER SALARIES	658,408.85	
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	9,711.06	
NEW CRUISER	28,566.00	
EXPENSES	44,935.77	
TRAINING	27,758.50	
CAREER INCENTIVE	61,296.92	
LEAA MATCHING FUNDS	250.00	
ELECTION COVERAGE	2,057.05	
NEW EQUIPMENT	6,828.36	
TOTAL PROTECTION		975,985.45

SCHOOLS		
REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	5,884,244.00	
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00	
TOTAL SCHOOLS		5,891,860.00
DEBT SERVICE		
LONG TERM DEBT PRINCIPAL	250,000.00	
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	13,350.00	
SCHOOL DEBT	48,836.00	
GREEN MEADOW BAN INTEREST	415,764.00	
HIGHWAY TRUCK	15,000.00	
FIRE TRUCK	160,340.35	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		903,290.35
TOTAL APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES		9,206,735.82
TOWN MEETING ARTICLES		
4/29/02 SPECIAL		
ART#3 TOWN HOUSE IMPR	11,566.85	
4/24/06 SPECIAL		
ART#1 TWB RENOVATIONS	22,636.00	
ART#2 E911	4,855.50	
ART#4 ACCTG SOFTWARE	9,705.60	
ART#14 HIGHWAY TRUCK	48,506.35	
10/30/06 SPECIAL		
ART#1 BOND COSTS	30,621.50	
ART#4 GREEN MEADOW BOND	55,238.00	
ART#5 GREEN MEADOW SEPTIC	2,900.00	
ART#6 TOWN HOUSE ROOF	29,445.40	
ART#7 RIDGE ROAD	37,619.00	
ART#8 CRUISER	32,000.00	
ART#11 STABILIZATION FUND	347,530.00	
TOTAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES		632,624.20
TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES		9,839,360.02
STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS		
VETERAN'S SERVICE DISTRICT	14,985.88	
POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT	1,192.00	
PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING	775.65	
REGISTRY SERVICES	3,480.00	
PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT	10,828.00	
TOTAL STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS		31,261.53
		9,870,621.55
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS		9,866,221.55
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS		46,075.54
PAYABLES		
TEMPORARY NOTES	900,000.00	
COUNTY RETIREMENT	79,868.21	
GROUP INSURANCE	80,290.62	
UNION DUES	3,195.94	
FEES PAYABLE	16,587.25	
TAILINGS	3,055.69	
TOTAL PAYABLES		1,082,997.71
TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES		10,995,294.80
CASH AND SAVINGS 6/30/07		448,753.33
WARRANTS PAYABLE		(100,177.85)
VERIFYING BALANCE		11,343,870.28

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
6/30/2007

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	EXCESS OVER(UNDER)	FUND BALANCE JULY 01, 2005	FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2006
HIGHWAYS					
CONTRACT #39268	157,946.00	157,946.00			
CONTRACT #44519	58,414.16	77,893.88	(19,479.72)		(19,479.72)
CONTRACT #35422	49,808.98	49,808.98	-	-	
OCTOBER STORM			-	(14,401.28)	(14,401.28)
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS					
COMMUNITY POLICING	28,500.00	31,547.56	(3,047.56)	18,086.40	15,038.84
TRAFFIC GRANT		1,335.64	(1,335.64)	64.67	(1,270.97)
E911 TRAINING GRANT		5,431.35	(5,431.35)		(5,431.35)
MEMA TRAINING GRANT		126.76	(126.76)		(126.76)
TASK FORCE	5,232.67	1,805.61	3,427.06	(830.71)	2,596.35
LOCAL PREPAREDNESS	801.76		801.76	(18,323.15)	(17,521.39)
BULLET PROOF VESTS	2,101.80	3,603.60	(1,501.80)	(2,730.83)	(4,232.63)
COUNCIL ON AGING GRANTS	14,576.50	13,707.74	868.76	2,285.59	3,154.35
COA EARMARK GRANT	10,032.77	17,153.23	(7,120.46)		(7,120.46)
HAMPDEN COUNTY GRANT	1,500.00	1,489.64	10.36		10.36
LIBRARY GRANTS		8,521.35	(8,521.35)	28,166.02	19,644.67
ARTS LOTTERY GRANT	4,000.00	1,545.00	2,455.00	4,447.42	6,902.42
FIRE SERVICE SAFE GRANTS	5,288.50	691.80	4,596.70	2,735.93	7,332.63
MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT	639.00		639.00	557.98	1,196.98
OTHER					
SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR	239.28	640.00	(400.72)	51,864.01	51,463.29
ASSESSORS REVOLVING	263.00		263.00	456.62	719.62
COLLECTOR REVOLVING	2,687.00	1,393.28	1,293.72		1293.72
COUNCIL ON AGING REVOLVING	11,318.08	10,601.62	716.46	1,705.26	2,421.72
CONSERVATION REVOLVING	3,358.62	3,815.03	(456.41)	10,018.78	9,562.37
HISTORICAL COMMISSION REVOLVING			-	160.00	160.00
LIBRARY REVOLVING	3,972.43	1,902.44	2,069.99	238.04	2,308.03
BOARD OF HEALTH REVOLVING	42,118.80	34,211.05	7,907.75	21,014.19	28,921.94
PARKS & RECREATION REVOLVING	70,793.16	63,015.73	7,777.43	36,355.28	44,132.71
TRANSFER STATION REVOLVING		8,254.07	(8,254.07)	28,254.07	20,000.00
BUILDING INSPECTOR REVOLVING	76,639.27	89,394.84	(12,755.57)	18,509.66	5,754.09
DARE GIFTS		325.00	(325.00)	1,114.95	789.95
POLICE OFF DUTY	57,021.22	52,461.33	4,559.89	3,620.24	8,180.13
RESTITUTION	17,936.09	16,122.48	1,813.61	6,256.78	8,070.39
ENGINEERING FEES	24,105.31	24,752.72	(647.41)	7,888.18	7,240.77
POLICE/FIRE GIFTS	6,388.07	7,949.48	(1,561.41)	7,190.54	5,629.13
	655,682.47	687,447.21	(31,764.74)	214,704.64	182,939.90

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES
6/30/07

	BALANCE FWD	COMMITMENTS	COLLECTIONS	ABATES ADJUSTS	TAX TITLES	REFUNDS	LEDGER 6/30/2007	COLLECTOR 6/30/2007
REAL ESTATE TAXES								
LEVY OF 2007		7,564,975.62	7,380,772.77	25,966.33	9,750.97		148,485.55	148,485.55
LEVY OF 2007 CPA		46,857.15	45,693.39	174.73	32.72		956.31	956.31
LEVY OF 2006	218,826.76		181,307.80	2,361.49	14,701.45	389.78	20,845.80	21,004.65
LEVY OF 2006 CPA	351.75		382.15	(87.34)			56.94	128.83
LEVY OF 2005	1,958.35		1,958.35				-	
LEVY OF 2005 CPA	8.32			8.32			-	
LEVY OF 2004	242.42						242.42	
ROLL BACK TAXES		7,780.96	7,780.96					
LIEU TAXES		5,152.15	5,152.15					
TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES	221,387.60	7,624,765.88	7,623,047.57	28,423.53	14,701.45	389.78	170,587.02	170,575.34
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES								
LEVY OF 2007		162,977.77	162,151.44	212.45			613.88	613.88
LEVY OF 2006	(1,990.91)		731.32	(2,332.40)		1,354.60	964.77	964.77
LEVY OF 2005	1,914.46		637.63				1,276.83	1,276.83
LEVY OF 2004	(787.73)			766.37			1,554.10	1,554.10
LEVY OF 2003	1,123.34			1.00			1,124.34	1,124.34
LEVY OF 2002	1,306.98		16.23	383.36			1,801.31	1,801.31
LEVY OF 2001	411.98		28.62				1,067.66	1,067.66
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES	1,978.12	162,977.77	163,565.24	(969.22)	-	1,354.60	8,402.89	8,402.89
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISES								
LEVY OF 2007		576,608.75	530,770.13	9,800.80		3,652.46	39,690.28	39,690.28
LEVY OF 2006	31,455.15	77,518.71	96,814.05	5,164.64		4,413.40	11,408.57	11,408.57
LEVY OF 2005	13,133.95	348.24	7,277.64	21.04		1,401.91	7,585.42	7,683.05
LEVY OF 2004	6,346.71		2,555.96	26.56			3,764.19	3,764.19
LEVY OF 2003	3,233.84		132.58			23.75	3,125.01	3,125.01
LEVY OF 2002	2,732.50		469.17				2,263.33	2,263.33
LEVY OF 2001	1,410.73		245.83				1,164.90	1,164.90
LEVY OF 2000 & PRIOR	548.65		393.34				155.31	155.31
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	58,861.53	654,475.70	638,658.70	15,013.04	-	9,491.52	69,157.01	69,254.64
TAX POSSESSIONS	32,330.00						32,330.00	32,330.00
TAX LIENS RECEIVABLE	58,468.53	39,348.34	11,685.76				86,131.11	86,131.11
TOTAL ALL LEVIES	373,025.78	8,481,567.69	8,436,957.27	42,467.35	14,701.45	11,235.90	366,608.03	366,693.98

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
COMBINING STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TRUST FUNDS
6/30/2007

	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>FUND BALANCES JULY 1, 2006</u>	<u>EXPENDABLE FUND BALANCES JUNE 30, 2007</u>	<u>NON-EXPENDABLE FUND BALANCES JUNE 30, 2007</u>
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE		1,600.77		32,097.47	2,407.24	31,291.00
BUMSTEAD FUND		771.11		14,411.30	12,182.41	3,000.00
TOWN COMMONS FUND		110.03		2,205.77	2,315.80	
CONSERVATION FUND		219.40		4,398.46	4,617.86	
MCCRAY FUND		65.42		1,311.46	1,376.88	
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST	924.11				924.11	
LIBRARY FUNDS						
DAY FUND		52.73	34.90	1,082.95	600.78	500.00
NEWELL FUND		271.41	926.13	5,909.21	3,754.49	1,500.00
KINDERGARTEN FUND	5,000.00	1,439.83	9,920.64	26,896.51	23,415.70	
GEORGE BALLARD FUND		55.86	8.59	1,128.30	675.57	500.00
CHARLES BALLARD FUND		53.93	66.59	1,128.30	615.64	500.00
STODDARD FUND		605.64	1,905.23	12,799.48	11,499.89	
HOLT FUND		106.29	496.39	2,450.52	1,060.62	1,000.00
FLYNN FUND		165.24	964.19	3,631.98	2,833.03	
ENSLIN FUND		135.69	350.41	2,940.25	2,725.53	
FAYE FLYNN FUND		179.13		3,600.00	3,779.13	
DAN FLYNN FUND		127.34	1,006.45	3,158.58	2,279.47	
ROBERT BOHLKE TRUST FUND		789.55		15,866.83	1,656.38	15,000.00
DICKINSON FUND		226.21	367.18	4,761.09	4,620.12	
ASSESSOR STABILIZATION	10,000.00	508.81		10,000.00	20,508.81	
STABILIZATION FUND	352,530.00	3,599.69		25,578.05	381,707.74	
		5,731.66				
	368,454.11	11,084.08	16,046.70	175,356.51	485,557.20	53,291.00

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	EXCESS OVER(UNDER)	FUND BALANCE JULY 01, 2005	FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2006
95,200.44	100,756.00	(5,555.56)	193,608.00	188,052.44
<u>95,200.44</u>	<u>100,756.00</u>	<u>(5,555.56)</u>	<u>193,608.00</u>	<u>188,052.44</u>

1) SOURCES OF REVENUES

COMMONWEALTH	44,128.00
TAX LEVY	46,075.54
INTEREST	4,996.90
	<u>95,200.44</u>

2) USES OF FUNDS

MINNECHAUG MT	50,000.00
MEMORIAL PARK	30,000.00
LAND TRUST	20,000.00
	<u>756.00</u>
	100,756.00

TOWN OF HAMPDEN MASSACHUSETTES
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECT FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
 FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXCESS, OVER (UNDER)</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2006</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2007</u>
WATER DISTRICT		-	-	29,971	29,971
		-	-	29,971	29,971
TOTALS		-	-	29,971	29,971

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES
FISCAL 2008**

	APPROPRIATIONS & CARRYOVERS	TOTAL AVAILABLE	
ACCOUNTANT			
SALARY	24,351.00	24,351.00	12,228.38
EXPENSES	12,000.00	12,000.00	11,440.00
ADVISORY COMMITTEE			
CLERICAL	4,175.00	4,175.00	
EXPENSES	200.00	200.00	55.00
APPEALS BOARD			
CLERICAL	2,993.00	2,993.00	564.00
EXPENSES	200.00	200.00	
ASSESSORS			
SALARY	13,209.00	13,209.00	5,969.92
CLERICAL	14,763.00	14,763.00	5,984.68
EXPENSES	2,500.00	2,500.00	763.78
REVALUATION UPDATE	4,300.00	4,300.00	3,800.00
MAPPING MAINT	2,000.00	2,000.00	
FIELD REVIEW	3,000.00	3,000.00	
BUILDING DEPT			
CODE ENFORCEMENT	420.00	420.00	
COUNTY RETIREMENT	160,538.00	160,538.00	160,538.00
INSURANCE			
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,868.56
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	178,000.00	178,000.00	57,138.41
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,000.00	2,000.00	
LONGEVITY	4,400.00	4,400.00	1,100.00
LAW AND CLAIMS	22,000.00	22,000.00	6,444.80
MODERATOR			
EXPENSES	100.00	100.00	
PLANNING BOARD			
CLERICAL	9,073.00	9,073.00	4,337.80
EXPENSES	550.00	550.00	96.00
REGISTRARS			
SALARIES	800.00	800.00	
ELECTION EXPENSES	2,500.00	2,500.00	
STREET LISTS	1,900.00	1,900.00	332.16
SELECTMEN			
SALARIES	9,600.00	9,600.00	4,800.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASS'T	32,991.00	32,991.00	15,575.05
EXPENSES	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,135.28
LEGAL ADVERTISING	400.00	400.00	947.30
TEMPORARY HELP	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,850.82
TAX COLLECTOR			
SALARY	26,784.00	26,784.00	15,624.00
CLERICAL	11,028.00	11,028.00	4,456.72
EXPENSES	2,000.00	2,000.00	991.51
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	5,792.00	5,792.00	5,665.17
TAX TITLE WORK	250.00	250.00	1,276.00

TOWN CLERK			
SALARY	26,784.00	26,784.00	11,160.00
CLERICAL	6,048.00	6,048.00	3,326.95
EXPENSES	1,000.00	1,000.00	526.21
TOWN PUBLICATIONS	100.00	100.00	
TOWN REPORT	3,500.00	3,500.00	
TREASURER			
SALARY	30,438.00	30,438.00	15,219.00
CLERICAL	7,476.00	7,476.00	3,775.01
EXPENSES	900.00	900.00	638.43
PAYROLL SERVICE	6,000.00	6,000.00	2,322.55
CERTIFYING NOTES	100.00	100.00	70.00
INTEREST(SHORT TERM)	2,500.00	2,500.00	
TAX TITLE ADMINISTRATION	1,000.00	1,000.00	
BANK CHARGES	100.00	100.00	
VETERANS BENEFITS	9,500.00	9,500.00	5,104.00
GR SPFLD SENIOR CENTER	467.00	467.00	
ACADEMY HALL MAINT	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,283.47
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS			
CLERICAL	674.00	674.00	
EXPENSES	80.00	80.00	
MAINTENANCE	500.00	500.00	
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE			
CLERICAL	6,372.00	6,372.00	2,217.93
EXPENSES	400.00	400.00	63.79
TRANSFER STATION			
MONITORING & TESTING	19,900.00	19,900.00	7,591.54
SCOOL BUILDING REPAIRS	5,000.00	5,000.00	
LIBRARY	76,875.00	76,875.00	36,813.91
TOWN EVENTS	800.00	800.00	97.87
OFFICE EQUIPMENT			
ACQUISITION	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,080.00
MAINTENANCE	7,000.00	7,000.00	3,031.58
SUPPLIES	3,000.00	3,000.00	51.98
POSTAGE	10,000.00	10,000.00	3,830.82
PARKS AND RECREATION			
SALARIES	5,125.00	5,125.00	4,250.40
EXPENSES	4,100.00	4,100.00	3,353.60
CAPITAL EXPENSES	2,600.00	2,600.00	
TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE			
CUSTODIAL	16,000.00	16,000.00	6,568.68
MAINT & REPAIRS	6,800.00	6,800.00	4,935.08
UTILITIES	40,000.00	40,000.00	16,631.99
AMBULANCE SUBSIDY	13,000.00	13,000.00	
GASOLINE	35,000.00	35,000.00	17,275.14
STREET LIGHTING	19,100.00	19,100.00	4,907.98

COUNCIL ON AGING			
DIRECTOR	28,952.00	28,952.00	13,881.25
CLERICAL	7,722.00	7,722.00	3,702.50
EXPENSES	1,000.00	1,000.00	728.57
OUTREACH COORDINATOR	2,500.00	2,500.00	660.50
SENIOR CENTER			
CUSTODIAL	7,185.00	7,185.00	3,445.00
UTILITIES	11,000.00	11,000.00	4,367.36
MAINTENANCE	6,000.00	6,000.00	2,998.25
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	200.00	200.00	
HIGHWAYS			
HIGHWAY SUPT	65,454.00	65,454.00	30,000.00
TREE WARDEN EXPENSE	5,125.00	5,125.00	480.00
PUBLIC GROUNDS	32,882.00	32,882.00	22,418.00
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	80,748.00	80,748.00	44,985.88
GENERAL HIGHWAYS	86,515.00	86,515.00	57,245.17
SNOW & ICE	38,950.00	38,950.00	56,422.99
CATCH BASIN CLEANING	35,612.00	35,612.00	1,374.65
ROAD MACHINERY REPAIR	10,000.00	10,000.00	4,280.42
TOWN GARAGE	7,650.00	7,650.00	1,065.37
ANIMAL INSPECTIONS			
SALARY	1,948.00	1,948.00	974.00
EXPENSES	240.00	240.00	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
DOG OFFICER			
ANIMAL CONTROL	14,500.00	14,500.00	
DOG DAMAGE FUND	300.00	300.00	260.00
FIRE DEPT			
CHIEF'S SALARY	966.00	966.00	
CHIEF'S EXPENSES	1,261.00	1,261.00	
OPERATIONS	25,783.00	25,783.00	6,704.22
FOREST FIRES			
WARDEN	621.00	621.00	
EXPENSES	1,454.00	1,454.00	
BOARD OF HEALTH			
SALARY	3,960.00	3,960.00	1,650.00
CLERICAL	18,367.00	18,367.00	8,887.30
EXPENSES	1,000.00	1,000.00	175.14
WATER DISTRICT			
OPERATION	6,889.00	6,889.00	2,472.63
TESTING	2,900.00	2,900.00	1,050.59
POLICE			
CHIEF'S SALARY	66,835.00	66,835.00	31,875.43
OFFICER SALARIES	702,326.00	702,326.00	325,799.99
CRUISER MAINTENANCE	7,985.00	7,985.00	4,762.56
EXPENSES	45,707.00	45,707.00	28,767.81
NEW CRUISER	29,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00
TRAINING	31,685.00	31,685.00	9,419.05
NEW EQUIPMENT	6,828.00	6,828.00	3,983.21
CAREER INCENTIVE	61,736.00	61,736.00	54,743.29
WMLEC	250.00	250.00	250.00
ELECTIONS	951.00	951.00	130.40
TOWING	200.00	200.00	

SCHOOL DISTRICT			
REGIONAL ASSESSMENT	5,998,162.00	5,998,162.00	2,999,533.48
TEACHER DEFERRAL	7,616.00	7,616.00	3,808.00
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT SERVICE			
PRINCIPAL	195,000.00	195,000.00	195,000.00
INTEREST	5,850.00	5,850.00	5,850.00
SCHOOL DEBT	49,000.00	49,000.00	23,578.52
GREEN MEADOW BAN DEBT	293,775.00	293,775.00	243,237.50
HIGHWAY TRUCK	16,500.00	16,500.00	
FIRE TRUCK	40,000.00	40,000.00	3,890.25
RESERVE FUND	25,000.00	25,000.00	
CARRY OVER ACCOUNTS			
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/29/01			
#11 SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR	12,000.00	12,000.00	3,000.00
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 4/29/02			
#3 TOWN HOUSE REPAIR	5,554.60	5,554.60	10,900.00
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/21/02			
#1 STORM WATER	4,085.00	4,085.00	
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 4/24/06			
#2 E911	7,144.50	7,144.50	6,828.78
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/24/06			
# 14 HIGHWAY TRUCK	493.65	493.65	806.30
#19 ASSESSORS	12,000.00	12,000.00	
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 10/30/06			
# BOND COSTS		-	
# 4 GREEN MEADOWS BOND		-	
# 5 GREEN MEADOW SEPTIC	37,100.00	37,100.00	32,450.00
#6 TOWN HOUSE ROOF		-	
#7 RIDGE ROAD	32,381.00	32,381.00	32,381.00
#8 CRUISER		-	
#11 STABILIZATION		-	
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 4/30/2007			
ART#3 OLD BILLES	8,972.00	8,972.00	8,971.27
ART#14 HIGHWAY TRUCK	30,000.00	30,000.00	29,687.35
ART#15HIGHWAY RENOVATIONS	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	319,199.82
ART#16 TOWN HOUSE GENER	60,000.00	60,000.00	7,820.69
ART#17 TOWN HOUSE REPAIRS	10,000.00	10,000.00	3,621.00
ART#18 STORMWATER	23,500.00	23,500.00	
ART#20 CONSERVATION FUND	1,000.00	1,000.00	
ART#22 ASSESSORS	10,000.00	10,000.00	
ART#23 ASSESSORS	12,000.00	12,000.00	
ART#24 DARE	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,425.38
ART#29 STABILIZATION	189,737.00	189,737.00	
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 11/5/2007			
ART#1 REGIONAL SCHOOL	15,254.00	15,254.00	
ART#2 TELEPHONES	6,842.46	6,842.46	
ART# 3 COPIER/POLICE	4,100.00	4,100.00	3,996.00
ART#5 STABILIZATION	50,000.00	50,000.00	
ASSESSMENTS			
VETERAN'S SERVICE DIST	15,820.00	15,820.00	15,820.00
POLLUTION CONTROL DIST		-	
PV PLANNING DISTRICT	775.65	775.65	775.65
REGISTRY SERVICES		-	
PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT		-	
TOTALS	11,160,005.86	11,160,005.86	5,274,653.77

BALANCE

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REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Bylaws of the Town provide for an Advisory Committee, consisting of five members appointed by the Moderator, whose charge is to study the subject matter of all articles and to make recommendations on all articles pertaining to appropriations, expenditures, incurring of debt and any other article deemed appropriate.

The budget preparation process for the Town of Hampden is always interesting. Revenue projections are just that, projections. As in prior years, we are faced with uncertainty about state and local aid and are challenged by increased costs for fuel, utilities, and employee benefits. The final state figures for the Town and the School District are not available until well after our need to make decisions at Town Meeting. The Advisory Committee seeks to balance the needs of the town departments and its residents with the realities of managing a small town in this fiscal environment.

The opinions of residents provide valuable input to the Advisory Committee and are always considered in our final recommendations on the budget and other warrant articles. The various department requests will be discussed at our Public Hearing regarding the fiscal year 2009 budget and warrant articles to be held on April 7, 2008.

The residents are the appropriating body for the town and are able to exercise that authority at the annual Town Meeting. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting on April 28, 2008. It is the residents that make the final decisions.

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas Boyd
Jamie Collins
Carol Fitzgerald
Timothy Marini, Chair
Jeff Smith

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2008

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Hampden

Town of Hampden

TO: Either of the Constables of the said Town of Hampden in said County:

Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, Wilbraham Road, Hampden, on Monday, April 28, 2008 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. TOWN REPORTS

To hear the Annual Town Reports of all officers of the Town and any committee whose duty it may be to report at said meeting, and act thereon, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 2. BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums to cover same, and to raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3. PREVIOUS BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of the year FY-07 or previous years, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefore, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 4. REVOLVING FUND – BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Assessors to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving and expending monies from fees collected, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Assessors to defray the costs of equipment and supplies connected with public documents, said fund not to exceed **\$2,500** for the fiscal year 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 5. REVOLVING FUND – BOARD OF HEALTH

To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Health, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving and expending fees paid for issuance of licenses, permits and inspections, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Health to defray salaries of part-time employees, said fund not to exceed **\$40,000** for the fiscal year 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 6. REVOLVING FUND – BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to authorize the Town, acting through its Board of Selectmen, to establish a revolving fund for the Building Department, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of

receiving fees paid for issuance of building permits, inspection fees, including weights and measures, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to defray salaries and expenses of part-time employees of the Building Department and consultants, said fund not to exceed **\$50,000** for the fiscal year 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 7. REVOLVING FUND – LIBRARY TRUSTEES

To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to authorize the Town, acting through its Library Trustees, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving fines paid for overdue, lost and/or damaged materials, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Library Trustees to defray the costs of repairs and supplies and to purchase books and materials, said fund not to exceed **\$6,000** for the fiscal year 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 8. REVOLVING FUND – COUNCIL ON AGING

To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to authorize the Town, acting through its Council on Aging, to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for the purpose of receiving proceeds from classes, programs and other fees, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Council on Aging to defray the costs of classes, supplies and other necessary expenses, said fund not to exceed **\$30,000** for the fiscal year 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 9. REVOLVING FUND – TAX COLLECTOR

To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to authorize the Town, acting through its Tax Collector to establish a revolving fund, separate from the General Fund, in accordance with MA General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the purpose of receiving and expending monies from charges collected, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer, and with payments from the fund to be expended by the Tax Collector to defray the costs of equipment and supplies connected with public documents, said fund not to exceed **\$2,500** for the fiscal year 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 10. ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFER STATION

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from anticipated transfer station revenues for the purpose of funding for Fiscal Year 2009 the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund established pursuant to Article 10 on the April 30, 2007 Annual Town Meeting warrant, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 11. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To hear the report and recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee, which include transfer requests, and then to see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2009 with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 12. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to accept the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for the 2nd year's appropriation of \$50,000 toward the purchase price of conservation restrictions on the so-called Kibbe Farm parcel on South Road, to be maintained in perpetuity for conservation purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 13. CONSERVATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Conservation Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted upon and approved at Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 14. HIGHWAY STATE AID

To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, the General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 15. GENERAL BYLAW - STORMWATER

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-law of the Town by accepting the following changes to Chapter XIV (A) Erosion and Sediment Control for Stormwater Management.

Replace "ordinance" with "by-law" throughout the document,

Section 2, Definitions

Delete:

"Person" is any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business, organization, trust, estate, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof.

And replace with:

"Person" is any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business, organization, trust, estate, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, the Commonwealth or political subdivision to the extent permitted by law thereof.

Section 3, Applicability, item 2, Exemptions,

Delete:

- A. Any agricultural activity which is consistent with an approved soil conservation plan prepared or approved by the natural resource conservation service;
- B. Any logging which is consistent with a timber management plan approved under the Forest Cutting Practice Act by Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management;
- C. Additions or modifications to existing single family structures;
- D. Developments that do not disturb more than 40,000 square feet of land, provided that they are not part of a larger common development plan;
- E. Repairs to any storm water treatment system deemed necessary by the Designated Agent;

- F. Any emergency activity that is immediately necessary for the protection of life, property or the environment, as determined by the Designated Agent; and
 - G. Single family residential uses disturbing less than 40,000 square feet.
- And replace with:
- A. Additions or modifications to existing single family structures;
 - B. Developments that do not disturb more than 40,000 square feet of land, provided that they are not part of a larger common development plan;
 - C. Repairs to any storm water treatment system deemed necessary by the Designated Agent;
 - D. Any emergency activity that is immediately necessary for the protection of life, property or the environment, as determined by the Designated Agent; and
 - E. Single family residential uses disturbing less than 40,000 square feet.

Section 4, Permit Procedures and Requirements, item 1, Permit Required

Delete:

No land owner or land operator shall receive any of the building, grading, or other land development permits required for land disturbance activities, and no land owner shall commence land disturbance activities, without approval of a Stormwater Management Permit from the Designated Authority and meeting the requirements of this ordinance.

And replace with:

No land owner shall commence land disturbance activities, without approval of a Stormwater Management Permit from the Designated Authority and meeting the requirements of this ordinance.

Section 5, The Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Plan, item 1, M, (5)

Delete:

(5) notes on drawings specifying materials to be used, construction specifications and typical, and

And replace with:

(5) notes on drawings specifying materials to be used, construction specifications and typical.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16. LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID

To see if the Town will vote that in Fiscal Year 2009, if State aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to the Assessor's Stabilization Fund to meet all Department of Revenue mandated programs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To see if the Town will transfer from the Assessor's Stabilization Fund a sum of money for the FY2009 revaluation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19. BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To see if the Town will accept MA General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5 (54) added by Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000 to exempt personal property accounts under \$5,000 in value.

Article 20. DARE PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the DARE program at Thornton W. Burgess School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21. GENERAL BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by striking the present Chapter VIII, Protection of Persons or Property, Section 5 and replacing it with the following:

The purpose of this section is to regulate and control unregistered and disassembled motor vehicles within the Town of Hampden, to protect the views along our publicly traveled ways and to keep the visual impact of such vehicles on the neighborhood to a minimum. Any motor vehicle which does not have a displayed valid license plate will be considered unregistered for enforcement of this chapter.

1. Keeping more than one unregistered vehicle prohibited; exceptions.

The keeping of more than one unregistered automobile or truck, assembled or disassembled, on any premises shall not be permitted within the R-4 or R-6 District, unless the said automobiles or trucks are stored within an enclosed building.

2. Special permit.

A. A special permit to keep more than one unregistered automobile or truck on any premises not within an enclosed building may be granted by the Board of Selectmen, if it finds that such keeping:

- (1) Is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of this chapter;
- (2) Will not adversely affect the neighborhood; and
- (3) Will not be a nuisance.

Photos of the vehicle and location on the property shall accompany all requests for a special permit.

B. All such permits granted shall limit the number of unregistered automobiles and trucks to be kept on the premises by the permit holder, shall not run with the land and shall be limited to a one year period. All permits will expire on December 31, and will have to be reapplied for the next year.

3. Vehicles used for farming.

This chapter shall not apply to motor vehicles which are designed and used for farming.

4. Violations and penalties.

Whoever violates any provisions of this chapter shall be liable to a penalty of \$5 per day for each day of violation, commencing 10 days following receipt of written notice from the Board of

Selectmen. This Bylaw may be enforced through the non-criminal disposition procedure contained in Chapter XI of the Town of Hampden General Bylaws.

Article 22. GENERAL BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town to require that:

No person other than an employee in the service of the town or an employee in the service of an independent contractor acting for the town shall pile, push or plow snow or ice onto a town road so as to impede the flow of traffic on such way. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense and \$200 for the third offense. Each day, or portion thereof, that such a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. This Bylaw may be enforced through the non-criminal disposition procedure contained in Chapter XI of the Town of Hampden General Bylaws.

Article 23. GENERAL BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by inserting the following new Section 9 to be inserted in Chapter VIII:

The Police Chief may declare a parking ban on the ways within the Town during the period beginning November 15 through April 15 for the purposes of snow and ice removal. The Chief or his designee shall announce all such parking bans to the press prior to their declaration.

During the parking ban period the Police Department, for the purpose of insuring the free flow of traffic or for the purpose of snow and ice control operations on a town road, may, by its own employees or with such other assistance as it may require, remove or cause to be removed, to the nearest convenient place any vehicle interfering with such traffic or such operation. The department shall keep records of the registration number of each vehicle so removed and of the place to which it was removed.

Article 24. GENERAL BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaw, Chapter VIII Protection of Persons or Property, Section 6, Hunting, by adding the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph, "All permits shall be valid for not more than 2 years or a shorter period as indicated by the land owner."

And by adding the following sentence at the end of the last sentence in the last paragraph, "or any weapons as defined in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 121 and shall include any bow and arrow, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 25. REZONING – CHAPDELAINE PROPERTY

To see if the Town of Hampden will vote to amend the existing zoning map of the Town of Hampden as follows:

By removing the following described land which is partially located within the Business zoning district and partially within the R-4 Residential zoning district and establish the entire following described land as Business District. The street address is 37 Allen Street in Hampden, Massachusetts, also shown as parcel number 100 on the Town of Hampden Tax Map 12, and the parcel is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin on the westerly side of Allen Street at the Southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Arthur E. Jodoin and Pauline E. Jodoin and running thence:

S. 89°17'30"W	by last named land, two hundred and 00/100 (200.00) feet to an iron pin at the Southwesterly corner of said last named land, thence
N. 34°47'20"W	along last named land, one hundred twenty-five and 00/100 (125.00) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Bernard F. Goyer and Anne F. Goyer; thence
S.89°17'30" W.	by last named land, four hundred sixty-five and 60/100 (465.60) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Edwin N. Christianson, Inc., thence
S. 35°26'10" E.	by last named land, three hundred thirty and 00/100 (330.00) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Stanley F. Moore and Barbara H. Moore; thence
N. 89°40'10" E	by last named land, five hundred eighty and 66/100 (580.66) feet to an iron pin at the Northeasterly corner of said last named land; thence
S. 01°55'40"E.	by last named land, two hundred forty-six and 40/100 (246.40) feet; thence
EASTERLY	by other land now or formerly of Roger J. Lemelin et al, two hundred four and 42/100 (204.42) feet to Allen Street, thence
N. 35°15'50"W	on said Allen Street, two hundred three and 00/100 (203.00) feet to a stone bound; thence
N. 33°35'20" W	still along Allen Street, two hundred five and 28/100 (205.28) feet to the iron pin at the point of beginning

The above described parcel of land contains approximately 4.58 acres.

Article 26. RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 27. STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 28. REDUCING TAX RATE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in elections of Town Officers to meet at the Hampden Town House, 625 Main Street, Hampden, on Monday the 5th day of May, 2008 AD at seven o' clock in the forenoon,

then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the election officers of said Town for the following officers, to wit:

To choose for the term of one year the following:	1 Moderator
To choose for the term of two years the following:	1 Planning Board member 1 Library Trustee
To choose for the term of three years the following:	1 Selectman 1 School Committee member 1 Assessor 1 Library Trustee 1 Cemetery Commissioner 2 Park Commissioners 1 Housing Authority
To choose for the term of five years the following:	1 Planning Board member 1 Housing Authority

Also, to choose all other necessary Town Officers.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting and attested copy thereof at each of the five places designated by the Town. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this ____ day of _____ 2008.

John D. Flynn, Chairman

Richard R. Green

Vincent J. Villamaino

Board of Selectmen

I, Constable for the Town of Hampden, have on this date posted copies of the warrant for the Town Meeting to be held on April 28, 2008 at 7:00 pm in all five places as designated by the Town of Hampden.

Constable, Town of Hampden

Date

REQUESTED

BUDGET

FISCAL

YEAR

2009

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009**

	Fiscal 2007 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2008 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2009 Requested	Fiscal 2009 Draft Recommendations
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
1.0 Accountant				
1.1 Salary	21,806	24,351	24,960	
1.2 Clerical			250	
1.3 Expenses (Audit)	12,000	12,000	5,000	
Total Accountant	33,806	36,351	30,210	-
2.0 Advisory Committee				
2.1 Clerical	2,596	4,175	4,175	
2.2 Expenses	160	200	200	
Total Advisory	2,756	4,375	4,375	-
3.0 Appeals, Board of				
3.1 Clerical	1,678	2,993	3,245	
3.2 Expenses	80	200	200	
Total Appeals	1,758	3,193	3,445	-
4.0 Assessors, Board of				
4.1 Salaries	12,512	13,209	13,539	
4.2 Clerical	12,402	14,763	20,037	
4.3 Expenses	1,854	2,500	2,500	
4.4 Data Processing		-	-	
4.5 Software Support	27,988	4,300	4,425	
4.6 Mapping Maintenance	975	2,000	2,000	
4.7 Full List Measure		-	-	
4.8 Field Review	1,500	3,000	3,000	
Total Assessors	57,230	39,772	45,501	-

	Fiscal 2007 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2008 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2009 Requested	Fiscal 2009 Draft Recommendations
5.0 Building Department Expenses				
5.1 Code and General Enforcement	-	420	420	
5.2 Commissioner and Expenses	-	-	-	
Total Building Dept.	-	420	420	-
 6.0 County Retirement	 213,020	 160,538	 190,891	
 7.0 Insurance				
7.1 Property and Liability	74,300	80,000	80,000	
7.2 Employee Benefits	152,782	178,000	160,000	
7.3 Unemployment Compensation	26,377	2,000	2,000	
7.4 Longevity	-	4,400	2,200	
7.5 FICA	-	-	-	-
Total Insurance	253,459	264,400	244,200	-
 8.0 Law and Claims				
8.1 General	16,782	22,000	22,000	
Total Law	16,782	22,000	22,000	-
 9.0 Moderator				
9.1 Salary	-	-	-	
9.2 Expenses	-	100	100	
Total Moderator	-	100	100	-
 10.0 Planning Board				
10.2 Clerical	8,155	9,073	9,618	
10.3 Expenses	180	550	550	
Total Planning Board	8,335	9,623	10,168	-

	Fiscal 2007 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2008 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2009 Requested	Fiscal 2009 Draft Recommendations
11.0 Registrars, Board of (Voters)				
11.1 Salaries	761	800	800	
11.2 Election Expenses	1,626	2,500	5,500	
11.3 Street Lists	-	1,900	1,900	
Total Registrars	2,387	5,200	8,200	-
12.0 Selectman				
12.1 Salaries	9,100	9,600	9,600	
12.2 Administrative Asst.	24,050	32,991	34,784	
12.3 Secretarial				
12.4 Expenses	1,070	1,600	1,600	
12.5 Legal Advertising	1,104	400	400	
12.6 Computer Study Committee	-			
12.7 Temporary Help	-	2,500	500	
Total Selectman	35,324	47,091	46,884	-
13.0 Tax Collector				
13.1 Salary	23,987	26,784	27,453	
13.2 Clerical	7,196	11,028	10,000	
13.3 Expenses	1,973	2,000	2,000	
13.4 Computer Maintenance	4,975	5,792	5,792	
13.5 Tax Title Work	-	250	250	
13.6 Tax Title Admin.	-	-	-	
Total Tax Collector	38,131	45,854	45,495	-

	Fiscal 2007 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2008 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2009 Requested	Fiscal 2009 Draft Recommendations
14.0 Town Clerk				
14.1 Salary	23,987	26,784	27,453	
14.2 Clerical	3,857	6,048	6,750	
14.3 Expenses	828	1,000	1,000	
14.4 Town Publications	-	100	100	
Total Town Clerk	28,672	33,932	35,303	-
15.0 Town Report	3,246	3,500	3,500	
16.0 Treasurer				
16.1 Salary	29,192	30,438	31,199	
16.2 Clerical	5,878	7,476	7,663	
16.3 Expenses	590	900	900	
16.4 Certifying Notes	50	100	100	
16.5 Interest on Loans (short term)	8,436	2,500	10,000	
16.6 Tax Title Expense	8,640	1,000	1,000	
16.7 Payroll Service	7,193	6,000	6,000	
16.8 Bank Service Charges	-	100	100	
16.9 Tax Title Admin.	-	-	-	
Total Treasurer	59,980	48,514	56,962	-
17.0 Veterans' Benefits	8,944	9,500	9,500	
18.0 Greater Springfield Senior Services	241	467	467	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	764,071	734,830	757,621	-

		Fiscal 2007 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2008 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2009 Requested	Fiscal 2009 Draft Recommendations
GENERAL TOWN SERVICES					
20.0	Academy Hall Maintenance	579	2,500	2,500	
21.0	Cemetery Commission				
	21.1 Clerical	53	674	2,500	
	21.2 Expenses		80	100	
	21.3 Maintenance	-	500	13,500	
	Total Cemetery Commission	53	1,254	16,100	-
22.0	Conservation Commission				
	22.1 Clerical	2,429	6,372	6,710	
	22.2 Expenses	351	400	400	
	Total Conservation Commission	2,780	6,772	7,110	-
23.0	Transfer Station				
	23.1 Operation	68,432	-	-	-
	23.2 Monitoring/Testing	12,663	19,900	19,900	
	Total Transfer Station	81,095	19,900	19,900	-
24.0	School Buildings Repairs	-	5,000	5,000	
26.0	Library				
	26.1 Salaries				
	26.2 Expenses				
	26.3 Books and Periodicals				
	Total Library	-	76,875	80,318	*
	* Includes salaries of \$60803				
27.0	Town Events	277	800	800	

	Fiscal 2007 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2008 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2009 Requested	Fiscal 2009 Draft Recommendations
29.0 Office Equipment				
29.1 Acquisition	-	2,500	2,500	
29.2 Maintenance	4,902	7,000	7,000	
29.3 Supplies	974	3,000	3,000	
29.4 Postage	12,783	10,000	10,000	
Total Office Equipment	18,659	22,500	22,500	-
 30.0 Parks and Recreation				
30.1 Salaries	-	5,125	5,600	
30.2 Operating Expenses	-	4,100	11,105	
30.3 Capital Improvements	-	2,600	3,035	
30.4 Baseball	-			
30.5 Softball	-			
30.6 Girls Soccer	-			
30.7 Boys Soccer	-			
30.8 Basketball	-			
30.9 Director's Salary	-			
Total Parks and Recreation	-	11,825	19,740	-
 32.0 Town House Maintenance				
32.1 Custodial	10,735	16,000	17,000	
32.2 Maintenance and Repairs	5,643	6,800	8,500	
32.3 Heat and Utilities	42,387	40,000	42,000	
Total Town House Maintenance	58,764	62,800	67,500	-

		Fiscal 2007 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2008 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2009 Requested	Fiscal 2009 Draft Recommendations
34.0	Ambulance	12,577	13,000	-	
35.0	Gasoline	43,700	35,000	48,000	
36.0	Street Lighting	8,166	19,100	19,100	
37.0	Council on Aging				
	37.1 Director's Salary	-	28,952	32,929	
	37.2 Clerk	-	7,722	9,692	
		-			
	37.3 Expenses	-	1,000	1,000	
	37.4 Temporary Help	-	-	-	
	37.5 Outreach Coordinator		2,500	2,500	
	Total Council on Aging	-	40,174	46,121	-
38.0	Senior Center				
	38.1 Custodial	-	7,185	8,288	
	38.2 Utilities	-	11,000	13,500	
	38.3 Building Maintenance	6,880	6,000	8,500	
	38.4 Grounds Maintenance	-			
	Total Senior Center	6,880	24,185	30,288	-
39.0	Historical Commission	170	200	250	
Total General Town Services		233,699	341,885	385,227	-

		Fiscal 2007 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2008 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2009 Requested	Fiscal 2009 Draft Recommendations
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT					
40.0	Superintendent's Salary	61,514	65,454	67,320	
41.0	Tree Warden				
	41.1 Expenses	2,698	5,125	5,250	
	41.2 Tree Planting			-	
	41.3 Insect Pest Control			-	
42.0	Public Grounds	26,000	32,882	23,626	
43.0	Highway Maintenance	65,110	80,748	82,760	
	43.1 Expenses				
	43.2 Paving				
44.0	General Highway Expense	37,088	86,515	88,675	
45.0	Snow and Ice Removal	90,112	38,950	38,950	
46.0	Contract Services				
	46.0 Contract Services				
	46.1 Street Sweeping	17,250	35,612	36,500	
	46.2 Catch Basin Cleaning	-			
47.0	Other Highway Accounts				
	47.1 Road Machinery Maintenance	8,995	10,000	10,000	
	47.2 Highway Engineering				
	47.3 Equipment Acquisition				
48.0	Building Expenses				
	48.1 Utilities	5,287	7,650	11,500	
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		314,054	362,936	364,581	-

	Fiscal 2007 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2008 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2009 Requested	Fiscal 2009 Draft Recommendations
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY				
50.0 Animal Inspection				
50.1 Salary	1,853	1,948	1,948	
50.2 Expenses	-	240	240	
50.3 Rabies Management	-			
50.4 Wildlife Control			2,500	
Total Animal Inspection	1,853	2,188	4,688	-
51.0 Emergency Management	-	1,000	2,000	
52.0 Dog Officer				
52.1 Animal Control Account	13,749	14,500	14,500	
52.2 Dog Damage Fund	100	300	300	
Total Dog Officer	13,849	14,800	14,800	-
53.0 Fire Department				
53.1 Fire Chief Salary	890	966	990	
53.2 Fire Chief Expenses		1,261	1,293	
53.3 Operation	24,484	25,783	26,429	
Total Fire Department	25,374	28,010	28,712	-
54.0 Forest Fires	645	1,454	1,490	
55.0 Forest Fire Warden	571	621	637	
56.0 Health, Board of				
56.1 Salary	3,673	3,960	4,060	
56.2 Clerk Salary	13,730	18,367	19,403	
56.3 Expenses	477	1,000	1,000	
Total Board of Health	17,880	23,327	24,463	-

	Fiscal 2007 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2008 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2009 Requested	Fiscal 2009 Draft Recommendations
565.5 Water District				
565.1 Operations	5,672	6,889	6,889	
565.2 Testing	1,918	2,900	2,900	
Total Water District	7,590	9,789	9,789	-
57.0 Police				
57.1 Chief's Salary	61,500	66,835	68,840	
57.2 General Salaries	565,533	702,326	745,122	
57.3 Maintenance of Cruisers	8,033	7,985	7,942	
57.4 General Expenses	30,571	45,707	49,284	
57.5 New Cruisers		29,000	30,000	
57.6 Training	7,865	31,685	19,427	
57.7 Equipment	6,828	6,829	5,276	
57.8 Career Incentive Pay (Quinn Bill)	74,119	61,736	63,105	
57.9 Additional Officer		-	-	
58.0 Other Police Accounts				
58.1 Election and Town Meetings		951	2,250	
58.2 Towing Clerk	1,214	200	200	
58.3 WMLEC	250	250	250	
59.0 Parking Clerk				
Total Police	755,913	953,504	991,696	-
TOTAL PROTECTION	823,676	1,034,693	1,078,275	-

	Fiscal 2007 Expended Funds	Fiscal 2008 Appropriated Funds	Fiscal 2009 Requested	Fiscal 2009 Draft Recommendations
SCHOOLS				
69.0 Regional School District				
69.1 Assessment	5,831,172	5,998,162	6,090,969	
69.2 Teacher Deferral	7,616	7,616	7,616	
Total Regional School District	5,838,788	6,005,778	6,098,585	-
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SUB TOTAL	7,974,287	8,480,122	8,684,289	-
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70.0 Local Government Debt				
70.1 Principal	260,000	200,850		
70.2 Interest	21,150	-		
70.3 School Debt	53,072	49,000	46,496	
70.4 Green Meadow Bond	295,000	293,775	282,375	
70.5 Highway Truck	15,000	16,500	17,000	
70.6 Fire Truck		40,000	40,188	
70.7 Infrastructure Roads			340,000	
Total Local Government Debt	644,222	600,125	726,059	-
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GRAND TOTAL	8,618,509	9,080,247	9,410,348	-

INFORMATION & EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Town Government	
POLICE Department EMERGENCY	911
Business Office	566-8011
FIRE Department EMERGENCY	911
Business Office	566-3314
Selectmen	566-2151 ext. 100
Highway: Dana Pixley	566-8842
Library	566-2151 ext. 112
Council on Aging: Becky Moriarty	566-5588
Dog Officer: Nick Dominic	781-1484
Veterans' Agent: Robert Mathison, 110 Main St., Monson	267-4140
Building Inspector: Lance Trevallion	566-2151 ext. 250
Electrical Inspector: Gary Courtney	566-2151 ext. 251
Plumbing Inspector: Dennis Chaffee Sr.	566-2151 ext. 252
Board of Health Agent: Lorri McCool	566-2151 ext. 102
Schools	
Green Meadows Elementary School, North Road	566-3263
Thornton W. Burgess School, Wilbraham Rd.	566-8950
Principal's Office: Noel Pixley	566-3931
Minnechaug Regional High School, Main St., Wilbraham	596-9011
Superintendent's Office: Dr. Paul Gagliarducci	596-3884
Churches	
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Allen St.: Rev. Brian MacLeod	566-5572
Federated Community Church, Main St	566-3711
Parsonage: Rev. Thomas D. Howells	566-3402
St. Mary's Church, Somers Rd.: Rev. Timothy Murphy	566-8843
Utilities	
Bay State Gas: Business Office	781-9200
Bay State Gas: Billing	781-9200 x 4
GAS LEAK EMERGENCY	800-525-8222
Massachusetts Electric – Customer Service & Emergency	800-322-3223
Massachusetts Electric – Power Outage Only	800-465-1212
Verizon - Residential	800-870-9999
Verizon - Repair - 24 hour	800-446-8946
Charter Communications - Cable Company	888-557-1115
Hospitals	
AMBULANCE: AMR - 24 hour service	533-3362
Baystate Medical Center - Springfield	794-0000
Mercy Medical Center - Springfield	748-9000
Healthsouth Rehabilitation - Ludlow	589-7581
Wing Memorial Hospital - Palmer	283-7651
U.S. Post Office, Main St.	566-3752
Poison Control Center	800-222-1212
Department of Social Services	205-0500